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CHINESE PRESIDENT PETITIONED TO TERMINATE THE PARLIAMENT

Yuan Shi Kai Issues Mandate
Approving Li Yuen
Heng's Plan

HOUSE HAS NEVER BEEN
ABLE TO MAKE QUORUM

Military and Civil Governors of
All Provinces Sign
Round Robin

QUESTION SUBMITTED TO
ADMINISTRATIVE BODY

Peking, Dec. 19.—A mandate issued by President Yuan Shi Kai to-day expressed full approval of a petition suggesting the definite termination of the Chinese parliament. The petition purports to come from General Li Yuen Heng, vice-president of the republic, and is signed by the military and civil governors of all the provinces.

The Chinese parliament met for the first time on April 1 this year, but was never afterward able to bring together a quorum of its members. The round robin advising the president to dissolve it permanently says in part: "The Chinese parliament enacted no important law in the seven months of its existence and will not do so if it be permitted to continue for a hundred years."

"Vice-President Li Yuen Heng and other prominent citizens of the republic cannot continue to remain silent while the country goes to destruction."

"The administrative council now convened in Peking is a more useful body than the old body."

"The council is similar to the convention formed by the thirteen states which assisted George Washington in the revision of the American constitution."

"We and the whole of the Chinese people disapprove of the conduct of the bad members of parliament, and foreigners likewise disapprove of it. Therefore the president of the republic need not hesitate."

President Yuan Shi Kai has submitted the question to the administrative council which was formed on November 11 by the president. It has seventy-one members, including cabinet officers and others appointed by the president and provincial governors. It holds its meetings within the palace where Vice-President Li Yuen Heng now resides with President Yuan Shi Kai.

Minister Appointed.
Shah Kai Fu, who was Chinese consul at New York from 1904 to 1908 was appointed to-day Chinese minister at Washington in succession to Chang Tin Tang.

**STRANGE CARVING FOUND
BY AN ALASKAN FARMER**

Seward, Alaska, Dec. 19.—Charles Ulanek, a Knik farmer, last week unearthed a boulder bearing the figure of a man in bas-relief. The image is eight inches long, beautifully proportioned and is evidently the work of a master hand.

The natives who have examined it declare it is not the work of their people. Ulanek believes it is an example of ancient Alaskan art, and will present it to the Alaska museum at Sitka. Photographs and a careful description of the find have been sent to the Smithsonian institute in an endeavor to discover the origin of the strange carving.

**BECKER'S MOTHER DIES
UNWARE OF HIS CRIME**

New York, Dec. 19.—The mother of former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, who is in the death house in Sing Sing awaiting execution for the part he played in the murder of Herman Rosenthal, died at her home here to-day. She was very old and had been bedridden for years. She died in ignorance of her son's plight.

WHILE HUNDREDS STRUGGLED IN HARDSHIP FOR FORTUNE BUT ONE GUARDED MUCH GOLD

St. Michael, Alaska, Nov. 20. (by mail).—Several hundred miners struggling for fortunes in an undeveloped gold field, with full knowledge of a quarter of a million dollars resting practically unguarded in a lonely cabin in the lower Yukon state, is an incident that typifies Alaskan honesty.

The close of navigation this year caught the steamer Herman, of the Northern Navigation fleet, about 75 miles from here. The passengers were brought down and they managed to catch the last ship for the outside, but the company was unable to transfer the baggage and express. One man was left to guard the gold. For a distance

PRESIDENT OF CHINA



CURRENCY MEASURE

WILL PASS TO-NIGHT

If Quickly Dealt With in Senate
Will Be Ready for Signature
Tuesday

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—Unless unforeseen obstacles are encountered the new currency bill will pass the senate before it adjourns to-night. The Democratic leaders had the bill in such a position at the closing moments of last night's session that they might have passed it with an hour or two more of debate. They were confident of guiding the deliberations to-day, so that the long-debated measure would pass by a safe majority and go to conference with the House where, with prompt action leaders expect to see the new bill ready for President Wilson's signature by Tuesday at the latest. Most of the differences between the two Houses may be said to have been largely ironed out in advance.

One of the most important points of difference concerns when the currency system shall go into operation. The House bill proposed that it become effective within three months from the passage of the bill. The senate bill says, as soon as convenient.

The senate finally rejected the central bank plan to-day by voting down such a substitute for the administration currency bill presented by Senator Burton. It was voted down without a rollcall.

The senate, then, in committee of the whole, adopted without a rollcall the administration currency bill as framed by the Democratic caucus and offered by Senator Owen as a substitute for the house bill.

In this form the measure went before the senate for a final vote.

Barbed Wire Border.
A barbed wire fence along the Mexican boundary to check intrusions into American territory was proposed in a bill to-day by Senator Ashurst. A total of \$550,000 would be appropriated.

PARCELS POST BUSY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—The parcels post system's first Christmas has brought such an enormous burden to the mails that the facilities of the post office are being taxed to the utmost. If the crush should become so acute next week that the deliveries are affected, Postmaster-general Burleson will have cards of notification sent to all consignees of all delayed packages.

BANK CLOSES DOORS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—The First National Bank of Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, to-day notified the treasury department that it would not open its doors and asked for the appointment of a receiver.

MEMBERS OF CABINET AWAY FOR CHRISTMAS

On January 1, Minister of Militia Will
Head for Vancouver
Island.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The capital will be quiet politically throughout Christmas week. To-day the ministers are holding an all-day sitting of the cabinet to clear up pressing business and to-night they will commence to scatter. Premier Borden will spend the holiday week at Ottawa. Hon. Robert Rogers and Hon. W. J. Roche leave for the west to-night. The former is going to Winnipeg and the latter to his home in Minnesota. Hon. G. E. Foster leaves on Christmas Day for London, where he will attend sittings of the Dominion trades commission. Hon. Sam Hughes leaves on January 1 for Victoria to visit his son. Hon. Martin Burrell will remain in the capital. Hon. C. J. Doherty will spend the holiday in Montreal. Hon. L. P. Pelletier in Quebec. Hon. Bruno Nantel in St. Jerome. Hon. Louis Coderre will remain in Ottawa. Hon. T. W. Crothers will go to St. Thomas. Hon. Frank Cochrane will be in Toronto on Christmas Day and Hon. J. D. Hazen in St. John, N. B.

RETAIL GROCERS WOULD CHANGE PURE FOOD ACT

Want Responsibility for Goods to Be
Placed on the Manu-
facturers.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—It was learned to-day that members of the Ottawa Retail Grocers' Association would, as soon as the holiday rush was over, make an attempt to have certain sections of the Pure Food Act changed at the coming session of parliament. T. W. Collins, secretary of the association, explained that if an impure article sold by retail merchants was marked pure, they had to accept it as such and never know the difference until the inspector comes along, takes a sample, and in a few days the grocer is summoned to the police court and heavily fined for selling impure food. The act plainly states, he says, that it is "up to the grocers and not the manufacturers. The retailers will make an effort to have this condition of affairs changed in the interests of the retail trade throughout Canada."

ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION TO BE IMPERIAL ONE

Foster Stockhouse Wants Canadian
Psychiatrist to Join Exploring Party
of Next Year.

London, Dec. 19.—Foster Stockhouse, who will be the leader of the British Antarctic expedition in 1914, has decided to make the expedition an imperial one. He desires to obtain members of his scientific party from the dominions. Australia and South Africa will supply three geologists and Mr. Stockhouse wishes to have a Canadian psychiatrist.

In view of the fact that he has 1,100 miles of coast line and a huge area of land to survey, he has promised to confer cartographical immortality on the bigger subscribers to the fund by naming natural features after them.

SENTENCE IMPOSED IN ZAHERN DISTURBANCE

Lieut. Forstner, Who Cut Down Lame
man, Deprived of Mil-
itary Rank.

Strassburg, Germany, Dec. 19.—A sentence of 43 days imprisonment was pronounced by a court-martial to-day on Lieut. Barn von Forstner of the Ninety-ninth Infantry, for cutting down with his sabre a lame shoemaker in Zabern, Alsace, on December 1. The charge brought against him was wilful assault and causing great bodily harm by the illegal use of weapons.

Lieut. Forstner was the officer who brought about the recent troubles between the military and civilians in Zabern by making insulting remarks in regard to the Alsatian citizens when he addressed the recruits of his command. The Zabern citizens caused a government crisis in parliament.

The sentence of imprisonment in a penitentiary automatically deprives von Forstner of his commission as an officer.

YOUNG MAN KILLED IN EXERCISING ON TRAPEZE

Erie, Pa., Dec. 19.—A trapeze which he had put up in the attic of his home caused the death last night of Chester Childs, aged 17, a senior in the Erie high school and a member of last season's football team. The young man went to the attic to try out the trapeze. An hour later his mother found him hanging with his head through a rope of the trapeze. He died before a physician arrived.

It is believed the young man slipped and that his head caught in a loop of the rope before he could help himself.

DROWNED WHEN SKATING.

Lindsay, Ont., Dec. 19.—Yesterday afternoon, two sons of J. B. White of Cobocook, were drowned in White lake, on Big Muddy lake, near Cobocook. They were having their first skate of the season, but the ice was too thin and they broke through.

WINTER END BEFORE BETTER TIMES COME

Horne Payne Says Canada Little
Spoiled by Over
Prosperity

RESULT IN CHEAPER
CONDITION OF LIVING

Refers to Rights of B. C. Elec-
tric Company in Regard to
Fares and Charges

SHAREHOLDERS ADVISED
TO REMAIN CONFIDENT

London, Dec. 19.—In view of the criticisms of Canadian finance expressed four months ago by Horne Payne, director of the Canadian Northern Railway, his remarks to the shareholders of the British Columbia Electric Railway to-day will be followed with interest. Horne Payne, owing to illness, did not attend personally, his speech being read for him. Regretting that the report was not more satisfactory, he proceeded as follows:

"Unfortunately, I cannot tell you that the period of hard times is over and I do not expect to see any improvement until the end of the Canadian winter, but I do think we shall then see a gradual general improvement in commercial conditions, with a complete return to prosperity and progress in 1915. I believe this halt will, in the end, prove good for the country and the company, as it will result in cheaper conditions of living and a very sound economic position in British Columbia."

"We have, perhaps, been a little spoiled with too much prosperity and inclined to be unduly alarmed by a comparatively unimportant decrease. There is nothing to be gained by selling. To those stockholders whose fears have been aroused by a general fall in Canadian and all other securities by a decrease in earnings, especially the newspaper reports of an agitation in British Columbia to induce parliament to enact certain measures restricting our rights to fix fares and charges, I believe I can safely say that their fears are needless."

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FEMININE WALK IS FATAL TO DISGUISE

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 19.—Garbed as a tramp, with her hair cut short, Miss Ella Llewellyn, alias Gwendolyn Mitchell, daughter of a wealthy Stockton stockman, rode the brakemen of freight trains from Stockton to Sacramento and then to Oakland. She was taken into custody in this city this morning when her feminine walk betrayed her.

"I have had three meals a day since I left Stockton," she said, "but I could not get by. Never again for me."

The girl is in the charge of a Stockton probation officer and will be taken home.

FORESTERS TERMINATE INVESTMENT CONTRACT

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Steps to terminate the contract by which the Independent Order of Foresters, Toronto, Canada, invests more than \$5,000,000 through the Union Trust company of Toronto, for which it receives only 4 per cent. interest, while the remaining \$3,000,000 of the society return more than 4 per cent., were announced to-day in a report made public by the insurance department of Illinois, Nebraska and Wisconsin.

PROTECTION OF PROPERTY IS AGREED TO BY VILLA WHO ORDERS INVENTORY

Indemnity Will Be Given Spaniards Not Associated
With Huerta—Other Foreigners' Interests Protected—Constitutionalist General Issues Statement—Marcado Relieved of Federal Command—Successor to Attack Rebels in Three Days

Chihuahua, Dec. 19.—General Francisco Villa, said to-day he would be disposed to follow the suggestions of the United States as to the rights of foreigners in Mexico. In conformity with this plan, he named a committee to take an inventory of the property of the expelled Spaniards and said he would indemnify such of the Spaniards as had not actively supported the Huerta government.

General Villa has received through American consul representations which expressed the position of the United States in assuming moral responsibility for the welfare of citizens of other nations and which called upon General Villa for a strict accounting of his acts should the right of any foreigner be violated.

"I ordered all property belonging to Spaniards be confiscated and held by the constitutional government pending an investigation as to who of the Spaniards aided the Huerta government," said General Villa. "In order to guard the property which is in our hands we have named honorable and responsible persons to take an inventory of it."

Reason for Expulsion.
"It was necessary to expel the Spaniards because their lives were in danger here and it was necessary to impose a penalty of death in order that they would go. It is well known that in the uprising in Mexico City last February hundreds of Spaniards in the ciudad aided with Felix Diaz, and with arms co-operated in the uprising which enabled Huerta to bring so much suffering to Mexicans. When I attacked Torreon, Spaniards again fired on us on the pretext that they were guarding their own interests. In Chihuahua the majority of Spaniards were Huerta sympathizers. When I entered the city I resolved upon their expulsion because their lives were in danger from the feeling held against them by our army."

Arrests Made Daily.
"The rights of all other foreigners have been, and will be, protected. Arrests are being made daily of persons suspected of being Huerta's sympathizers. They are held pending an investigation of their acts."

General Villa probably will remain here until the arrival of General Carranza, the time of whose coming is unknown.

Spaniards Disatisfied.
El Paso, Tex., Dec. 19.—Spaniards regarded with little satisfaction General Villa's announcement from Chihuahua to-day that the property left by foreign refugees was to be involved with

ROWED FROM VICTORIA TO PORT ANGELES JAPANESE ENDEAVORS TO ENTER AMERICA

Seattle, Dec. 19.—Because his rowboat capsized and plunged him into the icy waters of Port Angeles bay when he was about to enter unchallenged into American territory after completing a tedious journey from Victoria, B. C., across Juan de Fuca Strait, Kanosuke Matsuyama, a young Japanese athlete, fell into the hands of the government as his journey was almost completed, and as a result is to-day in the detention station in this city awaiting probable deportation.

Had it not been for the accident met by the boat when Matsuyama was almost in reach of land, the plan would have been crowned with success. The tiny vessel crept into the bay unnoticed

and only at the last minute encountered a sudden wind and heavy sea.

Investigation showed that Matsuyama had no papers entitling him to entrance into this country and further investigation convinced the officials that the voyage had been made from Victoria for the sole purpose of evading the law and smuggling into this country if possible. Matsuyama was placed under arrest and turned over to Inspector H. A. Meyers, who brought him to Seattle.

Frequent trips have been made across the straits by opium smugglers at different times in the past and some arrests have been made, but government officials declare this is the first instance where an alleged alien has covered the wide stretch in a rowboat, taking his life in his hands.

OTTAWA RUMOR THAT CANADIAN PACIFIC MIGHT BUY CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY

Toronto, Dec. 19.—"It is against the law for us to sell out to the Canadian Pacific railway company," said Sir Donald Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern railway company, when asked about the report that there was a move on foot whereby the Canadian Pacific might take over the C. N. R. "It is mentioned fifty times in our charter that we must in no way pool with the C. P. R.," he said. "Does it state the C. P. R. especially?" Sir Donald was asked.

"Yes, because the government wanted that road if possible to have compe-

DOMINION GRANGE SEEKS REFERENDUM

Resolutions Passed Yesterday
Recommend Several Sweep-
ing Changes

TARIFF READJUSTMENT
GOOD ROADS PROGRAMME

Development of Parcels Post
System and Tax Exemption
of Improvements

STOP CERTAIN POWERS
OF PARTY GOVERNMENT

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Some sweeping changes were recommended and passed in resolutions by the Dominion Grange yesterday afternoon. The subjects dealt with and the policies recommended were as follows:

Immediate readjustment of the tariff to remove the burden under which agriculturists labor.

Gradual increase of the British preference to lead ultimately to free trade with the mother country.

Appointment of a committee with power to deal with the proposals of co-operation of farmers' organizations in all parts of Canada for interchange of the products and elimination of the middleman profits.

Good roads programme, based on municipal control, supported by increased railroad taxation and increased assessment on automobiles, and federal aid to public highways, to be allotted to the municipalities on the basis of assessed value.

Tax reform by exempting improvements from taxation.

Development of the parcels post system along lines that will facilitate easy interchange of products between country and town.

Settlement of the naval question by direct referendum, submitting the proposals of money contributions for the Canadian navy, or remaining as at present—the will of the people as recorded to be followed by the government.

Substitution of the Initiative and referendum in the matter of important legislation for the present system of party government.

WAPPENSTEIN GIVEN CONDITIONAL PARDON

Must Not Reside in Seattle During
Unexpired Portion of
Prison Term.

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 19.—Governor Lister to-day granted a conditional pardon to C. W. Wapenstein, formerly chief of police of Seattle. The pardon will be effective to-morrow when the papers reach Walla Walla penitentiary. The chief conditions under which the pardon was granted was that Wapenstein is not to take up his residence in Seattle during the term for which the conditional pardon runs. He will instead go with his wife and two children to a farm which he owns seven miles from Lake Washington.

Governor Lister stated that Wapenstein had been pardoned on the recommendation of Warden Henry Drum, who has found the former chief of police a model prisoner, and of the Rev. Mark M. Matthews, who was largely responsible for Wapenstein's prosecution. Wapenstein is now 62 years old. He has served twenty months of a minimum sentence of three years.

BRAKEMAN KILLED ON LULU ISLAND TRACK

New Westminster, Dec. 19.—John Simpson, a B. C. electric brakeman, was killed on Lulu Island, within the city limits, this morning. He was at work shunting cars on the spur track of the Westminster shingle mill. It was foggy, and the track was slippery. In some way Mr. Simpson slipped and the shunter ran over his body, breaking both arms and crushing the chest. He lived a few minutes, but died before the arrival of the ambulance. Deceased was about 35 years of age, and unmarried.

FIREMEN HAVE NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Seattle, Dec. 19.—Three firemen narrowly escaped death this morning when a mammoth automobile fire truck crashed through the bridge rail at Sixth avenue, South and Charles street. The machine hung suspended over the edge of the trestle, but was jammed against the broken rail in such a manner that it escaped plunging into the tide flat fifteen feet below. The accident was caused by the slippery condition of the bridge. No one was injured.

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SHERIFFS SEEKING WILLISTON LYNCHERS

Attorney Has Theory That Men Who Hanged Culbertson Were From Canada

Williston, N. D., Dec. 19.—With the sheriff, deputies and authorities of all towns in the northwestern section of North Dakota searching for lynchers, the gang of between forty and fifty masked men who stormed the county jail here Wednesday morning and dragged out Steve Culbertson and lynched him, will be charged with murder in the first degree if captured. Although members of the mob are unknown, State Attorney Burdick is making careful investigation of the sensational lynching of the man who was convicted of killing three persons.

Mr. Burdick has struck another angle of the case. He is now working on a theory that Culbertson was taken from the jail and hanged to a bridge over the Little Muddy river, a mile away, by a gang of men from Canada to avenge Culbertson's assault on Mrs. Buck, of Wilcox, Sask., a week before the triple murder at Ray. Culbertson was working at the Buck farm for a time. He assaulted Mrs. Buck and stole some money, a gun and a team of horses and drove them into the United States.

Mr. Burdick says that Culbertson's motive in killing the Dillon family was robbery. Some of the lynchers are believed to have come from the vicinity of Ray, where the Dillons lived.

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CARDINAL RAMPOLLA WAS BURIED TO-DAY

Members of Diplomatic Corps, Sacred College, Papal Court and Others Gathered

Rome, Dec. 19.—Funeral service was held to-day for the late Cardinal Mariano Rampolla, who died suddenly on December 18. The coffin was carried from the little palace where the prelate died, to St. Peter's, where were gathered the members of the Sacred College, the diplomatic corps, the papal court, the Roman aristocracy, the Knights of Malta, and a large body of clergy and laymen of all nationalities. A requiem mass was celebrated by Monsignor Pietro Jorio, vicar of St. Peter's, and then Cardinal Vincent Vannutelli imparted absolution.

The body was afterward taken to the cemetery in the chapel of the Vatican chapter and later buried in the church of St. Cecilia, of which Cardinal Rampolla was the protector and which he caused to be magnificently restored.

With the death of Cardinal Rampolla there passed away one of the few possessors of the secret of the "Meyerling tragedy," which plunged the Austro-Hungarian empire into mourning for the mysterious death of Archduke Rudolph, the heir to the throne, 24 years ago.

It is believed here the facts surrounding the death of the archduke were officially communicated to Pope Leo XIII. and Cardinal Rampolla, at that time papal secretary of state, under a pledge of secrecy. It is the general opinion in Vatican circles that the only living names of the secret now are the Emperor Francis Joseph and the adjutant of the archduke, who was with the latter on the evening preceding the discovery of the body in the hunting lodge at Meyerling. The secret, it is said, will die with them.

The coffin containing the body of Cardinal Rampolla was closed yesterday with the solemn ceremonial of the Sacred College. A testament was found dated 1888, but intimate friends of the late cardinal possess knowledge of the existence of a will dated some years later. In fact, the cardinal left a small key with a label, on which is written: "This opens the black case containing my last will." The case, however, has not been found.

The death of Cardinal Rampolla is causing innumerable discussions concerning the succession to the papacy. There are a number of predictions regarding the next pope, and it is a Roman saying that cardinals die in batches of three. After Gregoria came Rampolla, and now another, say the people, will die.

A prediction about Cardinal Rampolla was that he would succeed the present pope if the latter died within ten years of his election, which was in August, 1903. Otherwise a foreign pope would be elected.

Almost the last persons with whom Cardinal Rampolla spoke before he was taken ill was Elias McBee, of New York. The cardinal spoke frankly of his deep anxiety regarding the religious situation, especially in Russia and Germany, but expressed strong faith that things would improve. He said that America had a most unique mission in overcoming the existing difficulties in the progress of the faith.

Cardinal Rampolla, when Mr. McBee saw him, appeared perfectly well and full of vigor.

POLO PLAYER'S GUARD MEETS BRITISH LAW

Injunction to Prevent Sale of McCreery Furniture Follows Judicial Comment.

London, Dec. 19.—An interim injunction was granted to-day by the chancery court to prevent H. H. McPike, a San Francisco lawyer, from disposing of the furniture and effects in England of Walter E. McCreery, said to have been declared legally incompetent in the United States. McPike was McCreery's legal guardian at Los Muritas ranch, San Benito county, whence McCreery on October 26 last proceeded to England. McCreery is wealthy and formerly was a star polo player.

Counsel for McCreery described the allegations of insanity as a conspiracy. The lawyer said since McCreery's escape from California and return to England, he had been under the observation of Sir Thomas Barlow and other specialists, who declare there is not a shadow of foundation for the allegations of insanity.

Justice Sir Mathew I. Joyce, in granting the injunction, remarked: "This case is curious and interesting. The plaintiff is a free-born Englishman. I fail to see what authority Mr. McPike can have over him in this country."

McCreery was born in Switzerland and married an English woman, Miss Emilia McAdam, from whom he has been separated for some time.

AMERICAN ARCHITECT IS BUILDING NEW CAPITAL

Melbourne, Aus., Dec. 19.—W. B. Griffin, a Chicago architect who has been in Australia for two months in connection with the remodeling of his design for the federal capital city, is staying in America only long enough to adjust his business affairs prior to commencing a three years' engagement under the commonwealth government to superintend the earlier stages of the city's construction.

Mr. Griffin is an enthusiast on the subject of city building, and has manifested great interest in the infancy stages and possible future development of the federal capital. It is understood that the offer which has been made to him entails a liberal salary. He will return to Australia about December 25.

Awarded Four Gold Medals, 1910, 1913. Silver Spring Brewery.

THREE ARE CONVICTED AND SEVEN ACQUITTED

Judge Speaks on Trades Unionism in Connection With Strike Trials

New Westminster, Dec. 19.—The trial of ten miners accused of riotous injury to property, riot, unlawful assembly and intimidation at South Wellington last August, which commenced last Monday in Mr. Justice Morrison's assize court here, was concluded yesterday. The jury found three of the accused guilty. The other seven were acquitted. "Big Louis" Neunthal, the South Wellington strike leader, was convicted of riot and unlawful assembly, and John D. Ross and Herbert Robertson were found guilty of unlawful assembly.

The judge in his statement to the jury, spoke in a very approving way of trade unionism. The members of trades unions who acted recklessly or in a criminal manner were, he was satisfied, in a minority. The acts of such people should not prejudice the minds of men against trades unions generally. Right minded trades unionists frowned upon acts of violence as much as any other law-abiding citizens. It should not be suggested that their principals encouraged or countenanced outrage or disorder. They had amongst them many leaders who acted with the greatest sense of responsibility.

It would be just as unfair to judge their conduct by the acts of some irresponsible or self-seeking members as it would be to judge splendid institutions such as the church or fraternal organizations by their black sheep. The question of trades unionism should not influence a jury's sympathies nor prejudice their minds in the slightest.

John Cartwright, John Copeland, Walter Head, Lambert Columbia, Henry O'Connell, Mike Prendergast and Charles Rice were acquitted.

ROYAL BANK PROFITS FOR YEAR \$2,142,100

First Full Year Since Financial Institution Absorbed Traders' Bank.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—The Royal Bank of Canada, which has forwarded to its shareholders the annual statement for the year ending November 29, 1913, has had a most satisfactory year. This was the first full year the Royal Bank has completed since its absorption of the Traders' Bank.

The net profits for the year amounted to \$2,142,100, equivalent to slightly over 18 1/2 per cent. on capital stock. At the end of the previous year there stood a balance of profit and loss of \$610,235, and this, added to the profits of the year, made an amount available for distribution of \$2,752,335. Of this amount dividends at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum took \$1,287,200; \$100,000 was applied to the pension funds; \$250,000 written off bank premises, leaving \$1,015,135 to be carried forward to the balance of profit and loss account.

Liquid assets at the end of the year amounted to \$72,385,791, this being equivalent to 46.66 per cent. of the total liabilities, and the proportion of actual cash reserves reached their highest total of 13.83 per cent. Deposits not bearing interest, \$83,726,871. The total deposits were \$128,177,662.

TO HOLD INQUIRY ON COST OF LIVING

Departmental Officials at Ottawa Appointed by Government for Purpose.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—An official announcement was made by the government last night of the appointment of a departmental commission to conduct an inquiry into the cost of living. The members of the commission are: John McDougall, commissioner of customs; C. G. James, of the department of agriculture; and Robert H. Coats, statistician of the department of labor and editor of The Labor Gazette. The government, after considering the whole question, decided that the best method to conduct such an inquiry was through the services of permanent officials of the government whose training and experience have made them familiar with the question. Mr. McDougall is one of the oldest and ablest members of the civil service, and will probably act as chairman. Mr. James was formerly deputy minister of agriculture for Ontario, and is recognized as one of the agriculture experts in Canada. Mr. Coats has been responsible for collecting all information on prices, cost of living, for the department of labor, and is an authority on such questions.

TWENTY-SEVEN CHARGES IN ELECTION PETITION

Toronto, Dec. 19.—A cross petition in connection with the recent by-election in South Bruce was signed yesterday in Walkerton by R. E. Truax, the successful Liberal candidate, and was filed to-day at Osgoode Hall. The petition makes twenty-seven charges in all, covering almost every offence in the election calendar, and including many direct personal charges against W. G. Cargill, the defeated Conservative candidate.

RAILWAY PROFITS LARGE.

New York, Dec. 19.—The annual report of the Union Pacific railroad company made public to-day shows that it made a profit of approximately \$53,000,000 on the sale of its Northern Pacific and Great Northern railway shares and a profit of about \$16,000,000 on its Southern Pacific holdings.

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PRESS VIEWS DIFFER ON ULSTER SITUATION

Clergymen Petition Bishop of London for Public Prayers on Peaceful Settlement

London, Dec. 19.—The Daily Chronicle (Liberal) follows up Thursday's declaration to the effect that the premier has placed himself in communication with Lord Lansdowne and Bonar Law regarding the Home Rule bill, that Mr. Asquith and Bonar Law met during the week and informally discussed the situation, carrying out the interchange of views which Mr. Asquith asked for in his Ladybank speech.

The Telegraph contrarily says that it is officially informed that there has been no communication of the kind between the premier and Lord Lansdowne or Bonar Law. At any rate the Ulster situation remains unchanged.

Parliament meets on February 19, and the Telegraph reasserts that the Welsh disestablishment bill will be given the preference to permit of a longer time for the Home Rule negotiations.

William Hicks, a Unionist member of the House of Commons, believes he has discovered a flaw in the parliamentary act which will enable the House of Lords to prevent the Home Rule bill from being made law. He says his discovery will give the upper chamber full power to prevent the passage into law of any legislation distasteful to the lords.

The gist of the contention of Mr. Hicks, who is a lawyer, is that the lords can defeat any measure by simply adjourning consideration of the bill from month to month. In this way the parliamentary act, which ruled that any bill passed by the commons in three successive sessions becomes law, with the royal assent, automatically without the consent of the upper house, would be of no avail, because it provides that the bill must not be rejected three times by the lords.

The Bishop of London has received from 42 clergymen of his diocese a request to be allowed to have public prayers in their churches for a peaceful settlement of the issue between Ulster and the rest of Ireland over the Home Rule bill. It is expected that the bishop will consent and that the last day of the year will be chosen.

CLARK HITS HARD ON PESSIMISTIC SPEECH

Republican Warning of Industrial Conditions Styled Conspiracy.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—In a debate in the House yesterday Republican Leader Mann drew a pessimistic picture of the industrial conditions, and said they warranted a note of warning to the party in power.

Speaker Clark, in reply charged that the utterances of Mr. Mann, Senator Root, former Speaker Cannon, former Governor Hadley and Chairman Hills, of the Republican national committee, looked like a Republican conspiracy against the progress of the republic.

Speaker Clark ridiculed the prediction of the Republican leaders. He declared that the panic of 1903 came on as a result of the McKinley bill and that there was no truth in the forecasted statement that calamity comes with the Democrats and prosperity with the Republicans.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT SPEAKS AT BANQUET

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The Duke of Connaught was the guest of honor at a dinner given last night by the Edinburgh University Club of North America at the Chateau Laurier.

In replying to a toast, the governor-general said that although he did not have the advantage of being a university man, his presence was to be construed as an evidence of the great importance he attached to the University of Edinburgh.

Premier R. L. Borden and J. G. Foster, American consul-general to Canada, were among the speakers.

JAMES ROSS LEFT AN ESTATE OF \$14,316,526

Toronto, Dec. 19.—One of the largest estates ever filed for probate in the surrogate court here is the \$14,316,526 estate of the late James Ross, of Montreal, who died Sept. 29. Real estate in Calgary and Edmonton are valued at \$222,100, while \$250,400 is held in Winnipeg. The bequests to charitable institutions amount to \$400,000. The rest goes to the family, the son, Kenneth, receiving \$11,804,599.

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Resolution of Approval Moved by Member of Saskatchewan Legislature

Regina, Sask., Dec. 19.—Demonstrating that the three railways of Canada, in handling the grain crop of the west during the present season have surpassed all previous records in efficiency, R. J. Phil, member of the assembly for Pipestone, in moving a resolution expressing the approval of the house of the efforts put forth by the companies to solve the full transportation problem, cited remarkable statistics of the season's traffic. In the resolution, which was carried by a unanimous vote of the legislature, special reference was made to the expeditious and efficient manner in which the C. P. R. has carried out its traffic undertakings.

Mr. Phil's statement showed that in a single day the C. P. R. had loaded 2,000,000 bushels, and up to December 6, 105,500,000 bushels. Their best previous record showed that during the same period 67,000,000 bushels had been loaded. The three great railways of Canada forwarded for inspection in September, October and November of last year 75,346 cars, while this year they handled in the same time 118,385, or more than 50 per cent. in excess of the total of 1912. Of these the C. P. R. handled 60 per cent., the C. N. R. 28 per cent., and the G. T. P. 12 per cent.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AWARDED FOR SLANDER

Prince Rupert, Dec. 19.—Rev. W. C. McLeod, former pastor of the First Baptist church here, and now studying law in Victoria, has awarded \$10,000 damages in the slander action brought against L. T. McFarlane, city health officer. The case was before Mr. Justice Murphy for three days, and the charges were of an exceedingly harmful nature. The trouble arose about two years ago, following the sandbagging of the plaintiff.

MAN SENTENCED FOR DESERTING HIS WIFE

Fine of \$500 With One Year Imprisonment Ordered at Clyde.

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 19.—Arthur L. Lucas, the magistrate at Clyde, imposed a sentence under a new amendment to

the criminal code upon a man who deserted his wife and family, which is likely to strike a note of warning which will put an end to what the mounted police describe as an occurrence which is becoming all too common in the province. Mr. Lucas imposed a sentence a fine of \$500 with a year's imprisonment on Joseph Jerome for deserting his wife and four children.

The family became destitute shortly after he left them. The few neighbors who heard of this gave what assistance they could. The family had been starving.

having lived only on what game could be shot with a 22-calibre rifle by the wife. She made clothes for the children out of some old flour and oatmeal sacks. The people of the district pushed the matter. They had Jerome found and overtures were made to him to deal decently with his family. He responded by sending his wife a box of 22-calibre cartridges, with the information that she could get along with them.

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MUNICIPAL REGISTRATION.

Although the squabble over the registrations for the municipal voters' list came to naught, the incident illustrates the abuses possible under the existing system. At the present time any commissioner for taking affidavits, or notary public, may take the required declaration and the applicant's name goes on the list as a matter of course. People even may go to a commissioner's office during his absence and sign the application forms in the presence of a clerk or stenographer not-qualified to take the declarations. This is illegal, it is true, but it is done nevertheless.

The system opens the way for the introduction of bitter partisanship into municipal affairs. Mr. Price, for instance, is secretary of a partisan organization and usually devotes his energies to the enrolment of those he expects to support the candidate who has the approval of his party. The Voters' League is a partisan body, though not in the usual political sense, whose avowed determination is to put on the list the names of those it hopes will vote for the candidate whose cause is championed by Mr. Morley. This may not be altogether the case in the present instance, but it invariably has been in the past.

If it were feasible all complications could be avoided by requiring applicants to register at the city hall. This would involve the employment of a number of officials for the purpose of taking the declarations, but we could rest assured that everything would be regular. There would be less political list bolstering and the enrolment would be under the vigilant eyes of the registrar. Of course the objection to this is that many electors would not take the trouble to go to the city hall to register. But we know of no reason why people should be compelled to put their names on the list if they are not public-spirited enough to inconvenience themselves to that extent they are scarcely likely to vote with an intelligent appreciation of the issues involved in any circumstances.

THE DOMINION EXHIBITION.

The announcement that Victoria is to be the scene of the Dominion exhibition next year is a clarion call to the citizens actively to co-operate with the officials of the British Columbia Agricultural Association in preparing for this important event. The aspect of each of our past exhibitions has been purely local; that of the fair next year will be national. It is for us to justify the pretensions we have made in the last two years for the grant of \$50,000 by doing our part to the final detail.

New Westminster was the first British Columbia city to receive the grant for the Dominion exhibition. This was eight years ago, and since then all the remaining provinces have had their turn. An effort was made last year to induce Mr. Burrell to divert the 1913 grant to our city, but this the minister was unable to do, though he promised to give every consideration to the claims of Victoria for the exhibition of 1914. Last February the local board of trade supplemented the representations of Mr. Barnard with a strong request for the grant next year, and in his reply at that time Mr. Burrell admitted that this city's claims were very strong.

In preparing for the fair we should endeavor to provide for something that will depart from the humdrum order of the average exhibition. To do this we should draw freely upon the resources of the province, which are so rich and variable that the undertaking would not be at all difficult. We should see to it that the event is widely advertised in order that it may be of practical benefit not to the city alone but to the province as a whole. But if this is to be done those entrusted with its management must have the hearty, tangible co-operation of our citizens.

LOOSE TALK.

The biggest corporation in the world (the C. P. R.), had borrowed money a short time ago and at a rate that figured out at 7 per cent.—Mr. Bower at Vancouver.

This is one of those statements which may be described as a half-truth. It does not contain all the facts but dishonestly suggests the inference that the C. P. R. had borrowed money on which it was required to pay 7 per cent. interest. That is the meaning that Mr. Bower's statement, as reported in the morning paper, will convey to readers.

The Canadian Pacific railway, has announced that note certificates to the amount of \$25,000,000, bearing 6 per cent. interest will be issued to its stockholders only at 80c., redeemable in ten years or sooner, as the company may decide. It is true that the stockholders of the C. P. R. who subscribe for these note certificates will receive 7 per cent. and upwards for the use of their money, but no money lender who is not a stockholder will ever get a finger in that pie. It will be divided, according to holdings, among the owners of the C. P. R.

If the company had undertaken to sell 7 per cent. bonds in the London market—an impression that will be created by Mr. Bower's loose talk—financial men, big and little, would have tumbled over each other to buy at a premium. Evidently the attorney-general as a guide is as unsafe in financial as he is proved to be in legal questions.

FIGHT FOR COMMERCIAL FREEDOM.

Mr. N. I. Stone has written for the American Review of Reviews an article on tariff legislation in the United States. Mr. Stone ought to be particularly well informed on the subject he discusses. He was formerly statistician of the tariff board. His description of the effects upon importations of the manipulations which resulted in the Payne-Aldrich and the Dingley tariffs is interesting, particularly interesting to Canadians in the light of their own experience. Mr. Stone, who by reason of his position may be absolved of all political partisanship, makes clear in the following passages how completely the American people were cheated out of the fiscal reforms they had authorized by their votes:

"Four years ago, as the Payne-Aldrich tariff was about to go into effect, the custom house of New York through which two-thirds of the country's imports are entered, was besieged by a frantic mob of customs brokers, importers and representatives of manufacturers who import direct their raw materials, anxious to enter their goods before the midnight hour, when the new tariff rates were to go into effect. Ships laden with goods to the bursting point were straining every nerve in a mad race across the Atlantic to get into port before the fatal hour; their captains, with declarations in their hands, were met by anxious owners of imported merchandise taken on swift harbor craft, and rushed to the customs house to get the entry registered in time to secure the benefit of the old Dingley rates—the very rates which the American people had found too high and for the downward revision of which they had given a mandate to President Taft and the Republican party a few short months before."

That is a statement of the great betrayal of which Taft and the Republican party, dominated by American trusts, were guilty, and for which they were punished some four years later. Then Mr. Stone proceeds to describe what followed and how President Taft sought to atone for his sins against the people who had trusted him. Monopolies, surely entrenched for another four years, proceeded to apply the screws to consumers just as it is doing in Canada to-day—"making hay while the sun shines." President Taft negotiated a reciprocity agreement with Canada, knowing that it would give a measure of relief from the exactions of the combines so far at least as the prices of food were concerned. During the election campaign of 1911, when this agreement was under criticism in this country, we were told that the effect of it would be all in favor of the United States, that it would make Canada an American adjunct, etc. We shall quote the views of Mr. Stone for the purpose of showing a non-partisan American's opinion of it, as well as the opposition from entrenched monopoly it had to undergo. Here is what Mr. Stone says:

"The four years that followed the enactment of the Payne-Aldrich law were marked by more attempts to revise the tariff than any period of equal duration since the civil war. President Taft, anxious to propitiate the people for their Payne-Aldrich disappointment, negotiated a reciprocity treaty with Canada, which CUT THE DUTIES IN FAVOR OF THAT COUNTRY so radically that it required the solid support of the Democratic representation in congress to overcome the opposition of his own party to that measure. But in securing the co-operation of his political opponents the president opened a veritable Pandora's Box; for no sooner were the spirits of commercial freedom released from their confinement than they proceeded with the work of removing the shackles beyond the bounds set for them by the genial man who called them forth from their retirement. In the struggle for tariff

revision downward which ensued between the Democratic-Progressive-Republican congress on the one hand and the president ruthlessly using his veto power on the other the American people had no means of taking a direct part until the elections of last year gave it an opportunity to send to Washington a congress so overwhelmingly Democratic, so clearly pledged to downward revision, as to leave no doubt on the subject in the mind of anyone who cared to read the signs of the times."

Note the passage: "No sooner were the spirits of commercial freedom released from their long confinement than they proceeded with the work of removing the shackles beyond the bounds set for them," as well as the words we have capitalized "cut the duties in favor of that country." The release of the spirits of commercial freedom was the very thing the forces of greed and monopoly feared in Canada, and that is why they used all the power as well as all the money they could command to elect Mr. Borden. The consumers of Canada are to-day paying the price of their simplicity.

IMPORTANT TO THIS PROVINCE.

A few days ago we referred to the intimate connection between the needs of the prairie-farmers and the welfare of British Columbia. The future of no other province is so closely associated with the development of the great western wheat areas. It was the settlement of that enormous country that gave us our stride. We have only to review the lumber and fruit bulletins issued at the government information bureau to realize the truth of this statement. The settlers in two at least of the provinces east of the Rockies are the consumers of much of what we produce. They constitute our logical market, and naturally when anything occurs to disturb that market we suffer in common with them. Conversely, when they find conditions favorable we derive substantial benefit.

But we have gained more from the development of the Northwest than is apparent from the trade returns. A considerable proportion of the immigration attracted to Canada in consequence of the opening up of the country passed through the mountains to British Columbia. Then, a few years later, successful grain growers themselves, impressed by our climatic attractions, disposed of their farms and settled on our fruit lands or made their homes in our cities. Then also followed railway activity in British Columbia. The great transcontinental systems, drawn to the wheat lands by the prospect of profitable freights, saw the advantages of reaching the Pacific and began to extend westward. So we do not think we exaggerate when we say that the settlement of the Northwest virtually put this province on the map.

But the rapid increase of population in the prairies, the mushroom growth of towns and cities and the expansion of production, have brought burdens which now reach serious proportions. The farmers demand wider markets and the reduction of taxation and railway rates. A high tariff wall against imported agricultural implements has placed them at the mercy of the manufacturers of the Canadian east. The result is that to-day they owe approximately a hundred million dollars to implement dealers who regard them as their particular, defenceless prey. The farmers point out that access to the enormous American market a few miles away and the reduction of the customs taxes on the implements they require for their calling would place in their hands many millions of dollars annually now beyond their reach.

Of course, the implement dealers of the east, who have been fattening off the west, bitterly oppose anything of this character, but British Columbia should hold up both hands for it. Nothing could so quickly restore the financial equilibrium of this province as relief from their burdens of the million and more people immediately east of us. We would benefit socially and economically just as we benefited a few years ago. Every consideration of self-interest should inspire the sympathy of the people of British Columbia, without regard to political affiliations, with the demands of the people of the prairie provinces.

Hon. G. E. Foster, the peripatetic Cassius of the Borden government, issues a statement ridiculing the idea of the appointment of a commission to investigate the high cost of living. Immediately the minister of trade and commerce's announcement is published the government appoints a commission to inquire into the high cost of living. Which goes to show the status of the minister in the cabinet. When Mr. Foster goes off on his travels shortly after the beginning of the year he will stay away longer than ever. Perhaps he may never come back. What a happy family it is, to be sure.

Pasquale Amato, the eminent baritone of the Metropolitan Grand Opera Company, says the stage is no place for stout people. Nonsense. Imagine a lean and hungry Falstaff or a gaunt Henry VIII. Does not Caesar in the tragedy command that he be surrounded by men who are fat; well-rounded-out Romans who sleep at nights? What about the athletic Brunhilde as Nordica so generously portrays her? Amato of the glorious

WASHED NUT COAL

This shipment is without a doubt the finest grade of Washed Nut Coal that we have ever received, being larger in size than any before. It is free from slate. The price still remains the same, viz., \$6.75 per Ton, Delivered. Let us have your orders NOW.

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voice is wrong, and we call every fat player to witness that this is so. The saddest of all spectacles is a stage filled with lean people.

A revolution is in progress in Ecuador. It has been rather overshadowed by the more imposing display of Carranza, Zapata and Villa, but it at last has succeeded in forcing itself upon the attention of the world through the capture of the town of Esmeralda by the insurgents. This particular revolution is described in the dispatches as a purely personal affair which began in 1913. Apparently the word revolution in South America is synonymous with general election up here.

An American contemporary remarks that the patriotism that dictated the theft of Mona Lisa is of the sort found only within an insane asylum, which is not true in respect to Canada, where the Conservatives during an election wrap themselves in the "old flag" and proclaim their loyalty with less reason than the Italian exhibited in stealing the famous painting.

The Times was informed this morning that many voters do not know that aldermen are no longer elected to represent certain wards. Surely it cannot be possible that any civic elector is unaware of the fact that aldermen are now elected for the city at large.

MUSICIAN AND REVOLUTIONARY.

Richard Wagner.
When for the free human beings of the future it will no longer be the purpose of life to obtain the means of subsistence, but as a result of a new belief or rather knowledge, they will be certain of obtaining the means of subsistence in return for an appropriate natural activity. When, in short, industry will no longer be our mistress, but our servant, the true purpose of life will become the enjoyment of life, and by education we will endeavor to make our children capable of its real enjoyment. An education, founded on the exercise of strength and the care of physical beauty, will, owing to the love for the child and the joy at the development of its beauty, become a purely artistic one, and every human being will in some way be a true artist. The diversity of natural inclination will develop the most manifold tendencies in an unthought-of wealth.

LIBERTY AND LIFE.

Rev. Charles Ferguson.
Over against Nature stands the Man, and deep in his heart is the passion for liberty. For the passion for liberty is only another name for life itself. Liberty is a word of much sophistication, but it means, when it means anything, opportunity to live one's own life in one's own way. . . . The original sin of the world is not contempt for arbitrary laws, but respect for them.

MEETINGS

Pipers' Dance.—A very interesting programme of Scotch and Canadian dances has been drawn up for the dance to be held under the auspices of the new Highland Regiment Pipers' band on December 26, at the Connaught hall. Miss Thain's orchestra will supply alternate numbers of the programme, with the Piper's band, and Mrs. Murray will do the catering. Preparations are well under way, and the sale of tickets has already been large. The new regimental band will attend in uniform. Dancing will be from 8.30 to 2 o'clock.

Admiral Beresford L. O. L.—The second annual concert and dance of Admiral Beresford L. O. L. 2467, will take place this evening in Masonic hall, Esquimalt. An excellent programme of local talent has been arranged. Dancing will conclude the proceedings, and for the convenience of guests late cars will be provided.

Daughters of Pity Dance.—It has been decided by the Daughters of Pity that they will hold their annual Cinderella dance on January 5 at the Alexandra ballroom. Dancing for the children will commence at 6.30 and at 8.30 for the grown-ups. It is anticipated that a large number of dancers will attend the popular function.

St. Andrew's and Caledonian.—The St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society will hold its general meeting on Tuesday evening, December 23, at 8 o'clock, at the A. O. F. hall, Broad street, when the nomination and election of officers will form the principal business of the evening.

St. John Ambulance.—The civilian class of St. John Ambulance association will meet on Monday. No other class is to be formed this season, and only a few vacancies are left for members. The class secretary, C. E. Whitney Griffiths, 1246 Fort street, will be glad to receive names.

Your Last Shopping Saturday Before Christmas

The Early Morning Offerings Are
Very Attractive and Should Cause
Brisk Selling

Furs Make Very Appropriate Gifts

—And nothing gives the average woman so much pleasure as an attractive Set of Furs. She treasures them and is always sure to make the most of them. They impart a pleasure that lasts. It's impossible for us to go deeply into the various qualities we are now offering here in an advertisement, as they are goods that can only be appreciated by careful inspection. We advise you to investigate this offering and make your purchases early.

All shapes and sizes are to be had, from a small neckpiece to a long throw-over style in seal, mink, mole, marmot, fox, goat, thibet, imitation ermine and squirrel muffs, in same kind of furs to match. Regular values from \$7.50 to \$40.00, clearing at \$2.50, \$4.75, \$6.75, \$9.75, \$13.75 and . . . \$19.75

—First Floor

AT 2.30 SATURDAY

A Special Clearance of Boys' Base Ball Suits and Rough Riders

14 Suits Only—Regular \$1.75 value for . . . 75¢

—Main Floor

Boys' Suits for Christmas Presents

Special Values for Saturday

MAKE your boy look smart and manly at Christmas by giving him a nice, new suit—one of these special values we are offering to-morrow at exceptionally low prices. They are well tailored suits, made up from good quality fancy tweeds, worsteds and chevrons. You have your choice from the double-breasted or Norfolk styles, and there's a good assortment of shades and patterns. The value of these suits can only be appreciated by seeing and examining them thoroughly.

Saturday Special from \$4.75 to . . . \$7.50

—Main Floor

Infants' and Children's Party Dresses for Christmas

WILL your girls require new Dresses for Christmas day and to wear to many other parties to which they are already or will be invited? Of course they will; they must be nicely dressed, and in the latest fashionable styles, too. Children are as proud of being fashionably dressed when at a party as their grown-up friends. Here then, is the very latest in Children's White Muslin Party Dresses. They are to be seen in the department on first floor and many styles are included—very pretty styles, too—and some are very nicely finished with blue or pink ribbons and Valenciennes lace, attractively, priced according to size.

Dresses to fit girls from 2 to 12 years from \$2.00 to . . . \$5.75

Dresses to fit infants from 6 months to 2 years from 50c to . . . \$3.50

—First Floor

A Special Sale of Untrimmed Velour Hats \$2.50 for Saturday

—First Floor

Dainty Shoes for Baby

BABY usually comes in for a good supply of useful articles at Christmas time, and what could be more useful or serviceable than a pair of these dainty shoes? They are quite inexpensive, and are made with soft soles, in plain black and brown, white and black, blue and black, white and tan, pink and black, pink and tan, blue and tan, red and black; also brown and black.

Special value, per pair . . . 75¢

Children's White Buckskin Ankle-strap Slippers, in sizes 1 to 6. Per pair . . . 75¢

—First Floor

Allover Shadow Laces

A nice new assortment for yokes, blouses and breakfast Caps. Per yard, 50c and . . . 35¢

—Main Floor

Early Morning Bargains for Saturday

On Sale From 8.30 to 11 O'clock Only.

THESE Special Sales are being held to encourage early morning shopping, in order to relieve a little the afternoon crowds. We are making it worth your while, too, as the following offerings suggest:

MEN'S DRESSING GOWNS AND SMOKING JACKETS. REGULAR \$18.00 VALUES FOR \$12.50

There are only nine in this lot; that's the reason we are clearing them out, at nearly one-third off. The first nine customers will get exceptional bargains, for these are very fine qualities. They are made of very fine heavers, in greens and browns, and lined throughout with red flannel and finished with quilted satin facings and cuffs and braided.

Two Beautiful Brocaded Silk Gowns are included. These are regular \$25.00 values. To go at . . . \$12.50
Sharp on time will be essential to secure these.

—Main Floor

CHILDREN'S AND MISSES' DRESSING GOWNS

Reg. \$3.75 values for \$1.90
Reg. \$4.50 values for \$2.90
Reg. \$5.75 values for \$3.90

This is a good opportunity to secure a nice gown for your girls, and any of these would make a warm Christmas gift. They are in the plain eiderdowns, in red and blue, with satin pipings and cord girdle; also in flowered paisley patterns, in reds, blues and greys. The prices range according to size.

LADIES' \$2.50 JAPANESE SILK KIMONOS FOR \$1.90

Beautifully warm and smart-looking garments, and any one would make an appropriate Christmas gift. They are beautifully padded and come in all colors.

LADIES' SILK AND CREPE KIMONOS AT ABOUT ONE-THIRD THEIR REGULAR VALUE

There are two different offerings in this lot, one is made of silk and the other of crepe, with silk lining. Regular \$2.90 values for only . . . \$1.00

—First Floor

NOAH'S ARKS

Regular 75c to \$1.50 Values for 50¢

When the original Noah's Ark was made there was but one pattern. To-day we are showing a large range of "new patterns" and some extra good qualities too. While we cannot boast that two of every kind of animal is inside, we can safely say that they are well filled with a good assortment of animals that will give endless delight and amusement for the little tots. Sale will start at 8.30 sharp. First come secure the best values.

—Second Floor

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

Less Time More Perplexity

That's about the position with many folks now. There are so many gifts to choose, and procrastination will but make the task more difficult. Solve the problem by a visit to Bowes, where so many useful gifts are so moderately priced.

All sorts of useful things from 50¢.

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Estimate what you could save if your grocery gave you prices in odd cents. You'll be surprised at the amount. Our customers save the red and blue tickets and get cash for them at the end of the month. They get fresher, better goods, too.

Bacon, Ham, Pickles
Prime Breakfast Bacon, sliced, 25¢.
Do, in the piece, 25¢.
Swift's Premium, sliced, 25¢.
Do, in the piece, 25¢.
Swift's Premium Ham, sliced, 25¢.
Pickles, per quart, sweet mixed, 25¢.
sour mixed or chow-chow, 25¢.
Phone an Order.

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Phone 2995. Free Delivery.

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Stall 11, Pandora Market

Would Make Good Alderman

Mr. Thomas W. Howard looked upon as highly suitable to position as City Father for coming term.

Those who know something of the ability and integrity of Mr. Thomas W. Howard, one of the candidates for aldermanic honors in the approaching municipal elections, are working hard to secure his return.

Mr. Howard has been a resident of Victoria for seven years and, prior to his coming here, he was for several years a resident of the Prairie section of the Canadian West.



Mr. Thos. W. Howard

In Victoria Mr. Howard is the active head of the Northwest Realty Co., with offices at Pandora and Douglas streets. Ever since his first year here he has taken a keen interest in city affairs and is intimate with the important matters now confronting the ratepayers. A level-headed, successful business man, his assistance on the City Council in 1914 would unquestionably be of great value to every property-owner and citizen. Progressive and yet sane and well-balanced, he is a man of excellent judgment; just the type of man Victoria needs at this time.

BRIEF NEWS OF THE CITY

Ladies' Tailor.—Wm. Stewart, men's and ladies' tailor, rooms 5, Haynes Bldg., Fort street.

Hanna & Thomson. 827 Pandora avenue. Phone 498. Fine Funeral Furnishings. Lady attendant. Auto Hearse in connection. Calls promptly answered day or night. Frank L. Thomson, funeral director and licensed embalmer.

S. P. C. A.—Cases of cruelty 'phone Inspector Russell, 1921. Secretary, L1728.

The B. C. Funeral Co., Chas. Hayward, president, 714 Broughton street. Calls promptly attended to. Phone 2255.

All Modern Methods in dentistry practiced by Dr. J. L. Thompson, 1214 Government St. Open evenings.

Economy Wet Wash Laundry. Family wash, 75¢ a week. Clothes returned on the following day, thoroughly washed. Phone 3389. 2612 Bridge street.

Phoenix Beer, \$1.50 per doz. qts.

Fresh Killed Island Turkeys and Geese; also Eastern at lowest prices. Brown & Cooper, 910 Gordon.

The Umbrella Shop, 610 Pandora St.

Special Prices on Xmas Photos at Young's Studio, 626 Yates.

Wall Paper, 10¢ Per Roll. Estimates furnished on Decorating and House-Painting. H. Harkness & Son, 919 Pandora Ave.

The Key Shop, 610 Pandora St.

Show Cards for Xmas.—W. A. Blake, phone 3565, 1424 Government, opposite Westholme.

The James Bay Hotel.—South Government street.—This exclusive residential home has a few vacancies for winter residents at special inclusive winter rates. French chef, excellent cuisine. Phone 2304.

Special Xmas Brew Now on Sale. Silver Spring Brewery.

For Fire, marine, automobile, liability, sickness and accident, plate glass, elevator and employers' liability, consult Gillespie, Hart & Todd, general agents for British Columbia. All claims settled and paid by our office.

The Beer of Excellence.—Silver Spring.

Dr. J. L. Thompson, Dentist. Expert in crown and bridge work and painless extraction of teeth. 1214 Government St.

Experimenting.—A local firm is experimenting on selling high grade goods in a low-rent district. They say in this manner they can sell the best for less, especially furniture, which takes up so much space for display. So far they are meeting with great success. Pandora avenue is the location, the Standard Furniture Company the firm.

Phoenix Beer, \$1.50 per doz. qts.

Awarded Four Gold Medals, 1910, 1913. Silver Spring Brewery.

A Merchandise Certificate.—Redeemable at any time, makes a dandy present. It is an order on our stock for any amount. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

SANDS Funeral Furnishing Co., Limited, formerly Sands & Fulton, Ltd., Funeral Directors and Licensed Embalmers. Lady in attendance. 1515 Quadra Street. Phone 3306.

Phoenix Stout, \$1.50 per doz. qts.

Save Money and Avoid Pain by having your dental work done by Dr. J. L. Thompson, 1214 Government Street. Open evenings.

For Keys that fit, go to Wilson's Repair Shop, 614 Cormorant St.

Dentistry Without Discomfort.—Dr. J. L. Thompson, 1214 Government St. Open evenings.

SAANICH.

'Saanch Ratepayers' Central Association have opened committee rooms at Northern Crown Bank buildings, 1236 Government street. Persons holding agreements of sale are invited to call and register on the voters' list before December 22, next. Phone 1650.

Eagles Take Notice.—The Eagles' Xmas tree festival and dance will take place at K. of P. hall, North Park street (main hall and banquet room), on Monday, December 23, 8 p. m. Eagles not having received a card are requested to call at secretary's office for card and particulars.

Buy the Boy a Pocket Knife.—He wants one. All kinds, \$1.75 to 15¢. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

Special Xmas Brew Now on Sale. Silver Spring Brewery.

English Ale and Stout.—The only genuine brew in B. C. is the Silver Spring.

Try New Life.—Relieves pain instantly. Free demonstration. Special prices, 721 Yates St.

Leaky Roofs Repaired with "Nag" Composition. See Newton & Greer, 1226 Wharf St.

English Ale and Stout.—The only genuine brew in B. C. is the Silver Spring.

Roller Skates, 75¢. 610 Pandora St.

For Purity and Quality try the Xmas Brew. Order early and avoid the rush. Silver Spring Brewery.

Baby Buggy Tires put on to stay at Wilson's Repair Shop, 614 Cormorant.

Have Your Xmas Parcels Delivered by Acme Auto Delivery. Prompt attention, reasonable prices. 1302 Douglas. Phone 3712.

Variety Theatre.—A complete change of pictures for to-day and to-morrow. The Clown's Daughter is a Reliance two-reel feature; Romance of the Hills an Essanay drama; East India Fakirs, Scenic Extravaganza; Vitaphone comedy. The masked lady, who is she? continues to be the centre of attraction. Her singing is wonderful and the thunderous applause that greets her at every performance attests her popularity. The Second Story Man by the Lenz-Campbell-Lynton players is indeed a dramatic treat as was shown at yesterday's performances, when they had to take curtain calls several times. This sketch is by the same author as "The Jungle," which created such a furor at the time of its publication which dealt with the horrors of the packing houses. This sketch deals with the labor problem and is, if anything, stronger than "The Jungle." Both these acts are a treat you cannot afford to miss.

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West Summerland Institute.—Recently, at West Summerland, a new women's institute was incorporated under the Agricultural Association act, announcement of which appeared in the last issue of the Provincial Gazette.

Work for Campaigners.—The secretary of the British Campaigners association has made an appeal in behalf of members of the association who are out of work at the present time, and has asked that anyone having employment should notify him at the following address: H. Edwards, 388 Bushby street. Phone 1923.

Pioneer British Columbian.—Donald McGillivray, who died last Friday at his home in Chilliwack, came to this province in 1860, from his home, County of Glengarry, Ont., where he was born in 1838. He came to the Pacific coast by way of the Isthmus of Panama in 1860, and was one of the early legislators of the province, having been elected representative from the New Westminster riding in 1878. In Victoria he was well known as well as on the mainland, and his many friends here will hear with regret of his death. A daughter, Mrs. T. F. R. Oliver, lives here.

Friends Are Inquiring.—Friends in England of Fred Boffy, who came to Canada from Ardwick, Manchester, are making inquiry for him through the immigration authorities. He has not been heard from since September 7 last and his friends are getting anxious about him. He is thin in build, about five feet ten or eleven in height and weighing about 150 pounds, of light complexion with blue eyes. He is twenty-four years old. If anyone knows anything about him they will confer a favor by communicating with Malcolm R. J. Reid, immigration agent at Vancouver.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 19, 1888.

D. N. McPhee returned from Port Townsend this morning. He was the successful tenderer for a brick block in this city, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$21,000.

A number of Japanese acrobats arrived on the steamer Batavia, and will give one of their astounding exhibitions this evening at the Victoria theatre. These people are great jugglers and acrobats, and will give a most astonishing performance this evening.

The schooner Lily left this evening for the black cod banks off Queen Charlotte Islands. Houses will be built on shore, and the fish salted. Fourteen white men and 20,000 feet of lumber went up on the Lily, and will remain till next summer.

About three p. m. on Sunday a burglar entered the residence of Mr. Burris, Victoria West, and refused to go when requested by the owner, for whom a messenger was sent. However, the man ultimately left after having threatened the occupants if they did not give him money.

Fined for Sunday Selling.—A. H. Nickling has been fined on pleading guilty to the sale of one package of cigarettes last Sunday, in contravention of the Lord's Day act.

Help Campaigners.—The British Campaigners are planning to see that every member of the organization is able to spend a happy Christmas, special attention being given to those who are out of work. A reception will also be held on New Year's day.

Keeneye Pin Found.—The deputy chief of police is in possession of a sharp pin that is probably of some sentimental worth to the owner, and which he found on Government street on Sunday. It is a simple and inexpensive pin, but it bears indications that it may be a treasured memento which the owner would not willingly lose.

Left for Mexico.—Mr. E. H. Bodine, a prospector and explorer, left Vancouver yesterday for Mexico to join the army of General Villa. Mr. Bodine was employed by the provincial government two years ago to make explorations in the northern interior of British Columbia and incidentally to look for Gun-a-Noot, the Indian outlaw. He told a friend yesterday that 100 men were to follow him from Vancouver. Two of these are qualified surgeons.

Deserter Arrested.—Sydney S. Curtis, who, it is claimed, deserted from the battleship New Zealand when she was here in August, was arrested in Vancouver yesterday by the officials of the Canadian immigration office. He was taken over to Esquimalt to be given in charge of the officers of H. M. S. Albatross. Before leaving Vancouver Capt. Halsey, of H. M. S. New Zealand, placed a warrant for Curtis' arrest with Canadian Immigration Agent Reid.

Adjourns Until Monday.—The board of arbitration, which is dealing with the case of the lands belonging to William Mercer, Saanich, which the Canadian Northern Pacific railway wants for railway purposes, has adjourned until Monday. The case for the owner is not yet completed, having to be put off for the present as Judge Howay, chairman of the board, has court work which called him back to New Westminster to-day, and E. V. Bodwell, K. C., counsel for the railway, is engaged in another important case.

L. O. L. Elects Officers.—Sir Edward Carson L. O. L. No. 2394, met on Wednesday evening and elected their officers for the coming year, as follows: Worshipful master, Leonard Tait; deputy master, E. Henderson; recording secretary, J. Breading; chaplain, J. B. Langford; financial secretary, A. Erskine; treasurer, J. G. Dodd; director of ceremonies, R. G. Foster; lecturer, W. Middleton; committee: Messrs. W. McKinty, H. F. Doane, C. Costello, A. E. Haines and J. McGeorge. Past Grand Master J. G. Grimason, assisted by Bros. Dowd and Warwick, visiting members from other lodges, installed the new officers.

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Proves the Best.
Those residents of Victoria who took out life insurance policies 20 years ago in leading American companies have recently received settlements of their policies—the 20-year period having expired. A comparison with exactly similar policies in The Mutual Life of Canada shows that the people who carried policies in The Mutual Life of Canada paid a much lower premium than was paid to the American companies, and at the same time received larger profits. These examples furnish unanswerable proof that it pays to insure in The Mutual Life of Canada. Particulars of these results can be seen by calling at the offices of The Mutual Life of Canada. R. L. Drury, Manager; Fred M. McGregor, Special Agent. Offices, 918 Government St.

CHARACTER READING

The best way to read a merchant's business character is by his advertisement. Just run over to-day's TIMES and note the business news.

Don't the "ads" pretty well reflect the houses as you know them? One man is appealing for one kind of trade, and another for another kind, and each one is directly or indirectly writing his own business character into his advertisements. Mighty interesting study; these advertisements. Mighty good guide for you to go by.

But what kind of character is the merchant writing who is not advertising? Oh, he's not writing at all—he's courting—
—Courting slowly but surely—
—The sign for the Sheriff's sale.

A LINE O' CHEER EACH DAY O' TH' YEAR

By John Kendrick Bangs

HEAD AND HEART.

When Heart Says "Do," and Head says "Don't,"
And Bill's inclined to say "I won't!"
It may be wrong to follow Heart
And from the paths of Head depart,
But all the same I've heard much
On roads wise Head hath branded
wrong.
And sooner found the light that's true
On byways Heart hath brought to view!

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

Free Lecture by Pastor C. E. Heard.



Topic: "Sheep vs. Goats." Empress theatre, 3 and 730 p. m., Sunday, December 21. Yourself and friends are cordially invited. All seats free. No collection.

Let Two Contracts.—The minister of public works let contracts yesterday for the erection of court houses at Merritt and Nicola. Mrs. James Layfield was in both cases the successful tenderer.

St. John Ambulance Association.—The civilian class will be held on Monday, and as there are only a few vacancies left, and no other class will be formed this season, all those desirous of entering are requested to send their names without delay to the class secretary, C. E. Whitney-Griffiths, 1246 Fort, or to phone 4861.

Pingree Mines.—The ninth ordinary general meeting of the Pingree mines was held last night in the Pemberton buildings. The following directors were appointed: J. L. Stanford, president; W. A. Sprinkling, vice-president; James Haate, L. Russell, A. Anderson, J. Goss and Angus Shaw. H. A. Ismay was appointed secretary.

Triumph Lodge, I. O. G. T.—Triumph lodge, L. O. G. T., held a most enjoyable concert at the Soldiers and Sailors' home on Wednesday evening. Rev. Baugh Allen presiding as chairman, and Mrs. Lewis Hall making an admirable accompanist for the interesting programme that was given during the evening.

St. Ann's Pupils Leave.—Resident pupils of St. Ann's convent will leave for their respective homes in various parts of the province on Saturday morning, December 20, and are expected to return on January 4 in order to resume school work on January 5. Day scholars are expected to return on January 5, the day when the new term commences.

Convent Closing Exercises.—St. Ann's convent will hold its closing exercises to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Bishop MacDonald will preside, and will be presented with an address of greeting on behalf of the school. During the afternoon the result of the recent examinations will be announced. The display of needlework, which opened yesterday, is attracting numerous visitors, and will continue until to-morrow evening.

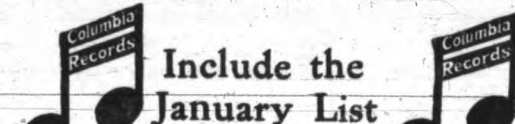


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Around the Christmas Tree. (Prince.) Descriptive record. Prince's Orchestra, with mixed quartette.
Christmas Joy. (Wagner.) Violin, flute and harp trio. Geo. Stehl, Marshall Lufsky and Charles Schuetze.
Prayer of Thanksgiving. Mendelssohn Male Quartette. Organ accompaniment.
Holy Ghost With Light Divine. (Gottschalk.) Mendelssohn Male Quartette.
Dream of Christmas. (Rasch.) Stehl, de Jaeger, and Schuetze. Violin, cello and harp trio.
Christmas Fantasy. (Unbehaun.) Prince's Orchestra.
Adeste Fideles. (Christmas Hymn.) Chimes, Thomas Mills. Organ accompaniment by Charles A. Prince.
On a Christmas Morning. Descriptive. (Currie.) Prince's Orchestra.
Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht. (Silent Night, Hallowed Night.) (Gruber.) Olive Fremstad, soprano. In German. Orchestra accompaniment. Single disc only.
First Nowell. Invincible Male Quartette.
Medley of Christmas Carols. Columbia Brass Quartette.
Ring the Bells for Christmas Morn. (Spence.) Mendelssohn Mixed Quartette. Orchestra accompaniment.
Arion Carnival March. (Faust.) Prince's Military Band.
Messiah, The. (Handel.) Hallelujah Chorus. Columbia Oratorio Chorus. In English. Orchestra accompaniment.
Stabat Mater. (Rossini.) Themes from the Overture. (Mercadante.) Prince's Band.
Messiah, The. (Handel.) And the Glory of the Lord. Columbia Oratorio Chorus. Orchestra accompaniment.
Nazareth. (Gounod.) Frank Croxton, bass, and Columbia Mixed Chorus. Orchestra accompaniment.
Christmas Symphony. (Toy Instruments.) (Chwatal.) Prince's Orchestra.
Circassian Dance. From La Source Ballet. (Delibes.) Prince's Orchestra.
Christmas Bells. (Buttsehardt.) Stehl and Schuetze. Violin and harp duet.
Santa Claus' Workshop. Descriptive. (Phillips.) Prince's Orchestra.
Night Before Christmas. Len Spencer. Talking. With chimes and sleigh-bell effects.
The Musical Congress of Nations. (Middleton.) Len Spencer and Parke Hunter. Talking. Orchestra accompaniment.
The Messiah (Handel). Comfort Ye My People. Reed Miller, tenor. In English, with orchestra.
The Messiah. (Handel.) Every Valley Shall Be Exalted. Reed Miller, tenor. In English, with orchestra.
Elijah. (Mendelssohn.) Recitative: Ye People Rend Your Hearts; and Aria: "If With All Your Hearts." Reed Miller, tenor. Orchestra accompaniment.
Elijah. (Mendelssohn.) "Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth." Reed Miller, tenor. Orchestra accompaniment.
Uncle Josh Plays Santa Claus. Laughing Story. (Stewart.) Cal Stewart.
Birthday of a King. (Neidlinger.) Andrea Sarto, baritone and Columbia Mixed Quartette. Orchestra accompaniment.
Brightest and Best. (Mendelssohn.) Columbia Mixed Quartette. Orchestra accompaniment.
Christmas Bells. (Stevenson.) Columbia Mixed Quartette. Orchestra accompaniment.
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MAKURA LOSES THREE DAYS AT THE OUTSET

Canadian-Australian Liner is Held at Sydney Owing to Big Strike; May Pick Up

Despite the strike of waterside workers at Sydney, N. S. W., which threatened to tie up every ship, the Union Steamship Company have managed to get the liner Makura, Capt. Phillips, away on her voyage to Victoria, but she is three days behind her schedule. It is quite possible that the crack steamship will lose another day at Auckland in loading the shipments of butter and frozen mutton, which have been billed there for this country, as the longshoremen are on strike in that part of New Zealand.

This is the longest delay that an Australian mail liner has ever suffered in being dispatched from her terminus in the Antipodes. The Union Steamship Company is thanking itself that it got the passenger steamship away as conditions for a time looked very black. It is not likely that the Makura will be able to pick up more than one day or 36 hours on the run up the Pacific, and then there is the possibility that she may strike exceptionally dirty weather coming on from Honolulu. The Makura is a very fast ship and if given full speed could easily regain two days. When she set the record two years ago the Makura came from Sydney in 19 days, a performance which never since has been equalled. It is not likely that the Makura will be in before January 8.

Marama Goes Xmas Eve. The Canadian-Australian liner Marama, Capt. Rolis, is now at Vancouver preparing to put to sea on Christmas Eve. Shipping men cannot figure that she will clear from here that night and are almost willing to wager that she will come along on Christmas day and spoil their holiday. The Marama will take out a big list of passengers and a full cargo of general merchandise.

SUES FOR DAMAGES.

Tacoma, Dec. 19.—Her injuries alleged to have been received when the vessel's gangplank collapsed, throwing him to the dock of the Puget Sound Flour Milling company, at Tacoma, Benjamin Knutson, a stevedore, today filed a \$1,000 libel in the federal court against the Japanese steamship Atagoan Maru, now in Seattle harbor. The vessel will be seized this afternoon on a writ of attachment. She is loading for the Orient.

JESSIE IS IN AFTER TEMPESTUOUS VOYAGE

Fishing Schooner Was Away Nearly Month Getting 3,000 Pounds of Halibut

Tempestuous weather is now the lot of both Canadian and United States fishermen operating in waters off this coast. Every schooner returning to port reports the fiercest weather in many moons, the loss of gear and narrow escapes from foundering or being piled up on treacherous shores. The schooner Jessie, Capt. Geo. Heater, came home yesterday afternoon after being away from port the best part of a month. Her fishermen tell of one continuous series of southeast gales for the past three weeks. Judging from the poor success which the Jessie had on her last trip it is probable that she may be tied up until the bad weather subsides. Out of the long absence from Victoria the schooner encountered but one day that could be called fine. The fishermen lowered their dories and took 3,000 pounds of fish, which comprised the total catch as the men were not able to leave the Jessie again.

Had Terrific Battle. The staunch schooner put up the toughest fight she has ever waged in her sea career. When trying to make Quatsino Sound from a cruise in the vicinity of the Scott Islands, the Jessie was caught in the grip of a 90-mile an hour southeast gale. The wind seemed to literally lift the water and heave it on board the fishing boat. The nose of the Jessie was kept right into the storm, but although her engines were running at their best speed for long periods she remained practically at a standstill and the men were beginning to figure that they would not make it and would have to put about. But by degrees she forged slowly on towards her destination and arrived uninjured.

The Jessie was at shelter in Bull harbor for six days unable to get out. On the voyage south the schooner had to watch the weather to get home. She would slip from one bay to another and finally rounded Cape Beale in good weather, and slipped up the strait. All the fishermen are glad they are once again safe in their home port. They say that it was the most trying trip they have had in many years. Owing to the long time she was away the grub began to play out, but the ship reached Victoria before the rations became very small.

TENDERS ARE COMING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Estevan, Quadra and Leebro Now Heading This Way; Newington Will Also Be In

All the lighthouse tenders will be home in time for Christmas, according to wireless messages which have been received from them. Both the Estevan, Capt. Barnes, and the Quadra, Capt. Le Blanc, are now working their way south via the inside passage, and will probably berth at Victoria on Wednesday next. The Leebro, Capt. Hunter, which is doing some work off the west coast of the island, will be back about the same time, and it is expected that the Newington, Capt. Bliton, which the naval department has under charter from the marine office, will poke her nose into the harbor Wednesday afternoon.

A wireless from the Estevan this morning said that she would be at Union Bay to coal on Wednesday. The Quadra at the present time is ahead of the Estevan, but as she has some work to do on the way south, she will not be in port very much before Capt. Le Blanc's command.

When the tenders cleared from here about a month ago, it was not known whether they would be back in port before the Christmas holidays. Bad weather set in soon after they were gone and the prospects looked all the worse. But every spell of good weather has been taken full advantage of, and the officers and crews are now to earn the sweet fruits of their hard labors.

The vessels will probably remain in port until the New Year's festivities are also over and then they will be dispatched to different parts of the coast to attend to the aids to navigation.

UCLUELET INDIANS ARRIVE.

A. J. Patton presented a dozen or so of his claims this morning before the sealing commission and then with a group of Ucluelet and Nitinat Indians who arrived in the city last night. J. S. Floyd, the accountant, who drew up a schedule showing the proportion of loss to the white men and Indians claiming compensation before the commission, was cross-examined yesterday afternoon on his table, and was complimented by the counsel for the government, Frank Curran, and the commissioner, on the excellence of his document.

CHIPS ON ASIA IS CLEVER WITH TOOLS

Ship's Carpenter Has Made Beautiful Model of Fine Liner; Is Also a Sea-Poet

Commanding the great C. P. R. liner Empress of Asia is one of the finest and most capable list of officers that ever brought a ship into this port. Each navigator and engineer who holds a post on the great trans-Pacific leviathan is rated as the best in his respective occupation and all are seamen who have attracted some attention in the British merchant service. From Capt. Samuel Robinson, her popular commander, right down to the ship's carpenter, W. R. Cowan, there is not one break in the line of qualifications.

Much has been told of the leading officers of the palatial craft during her calls at this port, but so far very little has been said of "old chips," the cognomen always applied to the ship's carpenter by the crew. There are only a few people who are aware that Mr. Cowan is now finishing a beautiful model of the Empress of Asia. The miniature Empress is three feet long, and has been built to detail on the foot. The craft from the exterior is a true representation of the great liner. It has the same flaring bow, the cruiser stern and deck fitting. The little ship is a working model and its four propellers are driven by an electric motor.

Started It In Glasgow. Mr. Cowan was appointed by the C. P. R. to superintend all the woodwork put in the Empress of Asia and he is now staying by the ship for a year, when he will return to Glasgow.

Having made many models of sailing ships and steamships before, Mr. Cowan set to work when he joined the Asia at the Fairfield Shipbuilding Yards to study every detail of the great ship. He finally decided to build a model of the Asia. The hull was put together with much pains, it being planed with three-eighths of an inch sycamore wood, and secured to the sections by brass screws.

When the big Empress was on her way out to Victoria from Liverpool and was crossing the Indian Ocean it was arranged to have the model launched. A tarpaulin sea was rigged up on deck and July 15 at 3 p.m. was the time set for the launch. The many passengers gathered round to see the ceremony and the trim little ship was sent down the ways with much cheering and shouting. In Hongkong harbor on a recent trip the speed of the ship was tried. Mr. Cowan connected an electric switch and the four brass propellers running at full speed. A row boat manned with seven crewmen was out to look after her but she proved to be as good as a flyer as the Asia herself, steaming away from the party.

Mr. Cowan was just putting the finishing touches to the model when the Asia sailed last night and no doubt he will be just about completed when the white liner returns on Sunday. The model is a blaze of electric light and is certainly magnificently finished. A Japanese shipbuilding firm has offered to purchase the model from Mr. Cowan.

Bit of a Poet.

While Mr. Cowan is a capable man at his trade he is also a bit of a poet and has written many ditties on the sea. On one occasion the steamship Corcovado of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, which piled up in the Strait of Magellan on the night of January 6, 1897. Some of the verses were set down while the crew were uncertain as to whether they would survive or not and the poem was finished after they were safe.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Dec. 18.
Astoria, Ore.—Sailed: Strs. Roanoke and Bear, San Francisco and San Pedro; str. J. A. Chanslor, California; str. Washtenaw, California; str. Portland, San Francisco; sch. Bendixon, San Pedro.
Aberdeen, Wash.—Sailed: sch. Anny, M. Campbell, Santa Rosalia; sch. Churchill, Prescott; strs. Coronado and San Jacinto, San Francisco.
Tacoma, Wash.—Arrived: Str. Northwestern, Seattle; str. Admiral Farragut, Seattle; str. Protegillus, Liverpool. Sailed: Str. Atagoan Maru, Seattle.
San Francisco, Cal.—Arrived: Str. Richmond, New York; str. Olympic, Gray's Harbor; str. Nebraskan, Salina Cruz; str. Strathol, Moji. Sailed: Str. Mongolia, Hongkong; str. Wilmington, towing sch. Oceania Vance.
San Pedro, Cal.—Sailed: Str. Governor, Seattle, via San Francisco.
Seattle, Wash.—Arrived: Str. Humboldt, southeastern Alaska; str. Admiral Farragut, San Francisco; str. Atagoan Maru, Tacoma; str. Northwestern, southwestern Alaska; str. Captain A. F. Lucas, San Francisco, via Port Wells; str. Delhi, southeastern Alaska; str. Spokane, southeastern Alaska. Sailed: Str. Congress, San Diego, via San Francisco; str. Titian, Liverpool, via way ports; str. Catania, Port San Luis; str. Canada Maru, Tacoma; str. Leona, Vancouver, B. C.; str. Northwestern, Tacoma; str. Admiral Farragut, Tacoma.

AYRAN COMING NORTH

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—The American ship Ayrar, which has just been chartered by Comyn, Mackell & Co. for lumber from Victoria to two ports in South Africa, gets 6th. The vessel is here in port and will sail north next week. Lumber shows a reduction of 6s. from the last previous fixture, which was made about two weeks ago. Two months ago the rate was as high as 60s.

WIRELESS REPORTS

Dec. 19, 9 a.m.
Point Grey.—Clear; calm; 30.11; 33; sea moderate; thick seaward.
Cape Lazo.—Cloudy; calm; 30.18; 30; sea smooth.
Triangle.—Cloudy; N. E.; 30.20; 39. Spoke, 2.30 a.m., S. S. Empress of Asia, 2.30 a.m., 970 miles from Victoria, eastbound.
Pachena.—Clear; S. E.; light; 30.13; 28; sea smooth.
Estevan.—Clear; calm; 30.02; 28; sea moderate. Spoke, S. S. Shidzuoka Maru, 10.30 p.m., 4 p.m. position 51.32 N., 137.51 W., westbound.
Tatooosh.—Clear; E. 28 miles; 30.10; 42; sea moderate. Out, 5.30 a.m. m. schooner James H. Bruce, towing In, 6.15 a.m., steamer, name unobtainable. Out, 7.20 a.m., S. S. Congress. In, 1.30 a.m., Col. E. L. Drake.
Ikeda.—Cloudy; S.; 29.90; 40; sea smooth.
Prince Rupert.—Clear; calm; 30.14; 32; sea smooth.
Alert Bay.—Cloudy; calm; 30.07; 34; sea smooth. Out, S. S. Venture, 10 a.m., northbound.
Dead Tree Point.—Clear; S. E.; light; 30.13; 33; sea smooth.
Noon.
Point Grey.—Clear; N. W.; 30.10; 38.
Cape Lazo.—Clear; W.; 30.10; 40; sea moderate. Spoke, S. S. Chelohin off Quatsiki Cove 10.20 a.m., northbound.
Tatooosh.—Clear; E.; 24 miles; 30.09; 44; sea moderate.
Pachena.—Clear; calm; 29.89; 56; sea smooth.
Estevan.—Clear; calm; 29.99; 45; sea smooth.
Triangle.—Clear; N. E.; light; 30.14; 45; sea moderate.
Ikeda.—Clear; S.; 29.99; 42; sea smooth.
Prince Rupert.—Clear; calm; 29.10; 54; sea smooth. Out, S. S. Prince George, 9.20 a.m., southbound.
Dead Tree Point.—Clear; N. W.; light; 30.16; 25; sea smooth.
Alert Bay.—Clear; calm; 29.98; 40; sea smooth.

AS THE SEAMAN THINKS

"I see in the other night's paper that you were writing about the case of the steamship President, and trying to tell people to be a little easier in their condemnation of seafaring men when they meet with an accident," said a captain this morning. "Well that just happened to bring back to my mind the time when a lady passenger came to me and said that the purser of the ship I commanded had been sailing with me for a long time and I felt convinced that he would not be insulting to anyone under any provocation. But the lady was convinced, and of course it was my place to investigate. Together we went to the purser's office and I called him. I asked the lady if this was the man who had insulted her, but she said the bottom I brought every member of my ship's company before the lady. Finally she recognized the man, and now who do you think that fellow was? He was one of the coal-passers. It is peculiar how that lady condemned the purser right off the board. After that, sir, I'd never believe a passenger under oath."

No one is in a position to say that the Karluk and all her party have been lost. There is no disputing the fact that the Karluk was not the best ship for work in the polar seas, but commanding her was a man who comes from a long family of ice navigators. Capt. Bartlett's father and grandfather both, engaged in work in the Arctic seas and the Karluk's master has had extensive experience in following the narrow lanes between the fields of ice in the Far North. Even if the Karluk has been jammed in the ice does it does not mean that every man on board her and all the valuable instruments belonging to the party have been lost. Capt. Bartlett's grandfather once rescued a man named Hall and two others, who had been drifting about on a cake of ice for three months. A boat had been turned up on the ice and they had plenty to eat. The rumors that the Karluk and her crew are gone are doing little good outside of exciting the fears and anxiety of the families of those who are on the Karluk.

Everyone is glad to hear that the majority of the crew of the British ship Dalsenor are safe. When the windjammer was sighted distressed and abandoned off the coast of Chile it was feared that the crew had called on Davy Jones. All but four of the men are safe on board a French sailing ship.

'FRISCO'S MARINE NOTES

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Under charter to Balfo, Guthrie & Co., the French barque General Faidherbe has left here for Tacoma, where she will load a cargo of wheat for the United Kingdom. She will be in Tacoma for January loading.
Comyn, Mackell & Co. now have four vessels at this port under charter to load lumber in the north for the United Kingdom and one on the Sound under charter for similar work. They also have the barquentine John C. Meyer and James Tuft under charter to load for China and the schooner Camino for the west coast.
The ship John Ena, 56 days out from Philadelphia for Pearl Harbor, has been chartered by the Sugar Factories company to load new crop sugar in China for Delaware Breakwater.
The Japanese steamer Kenyo Maru has sailed for Portland to load lumber for the Orient for the Robert Dollar Co. She will finish on the Sound.

ASIA BERTHS SUNDAY.

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SPORTING NEWS

TITLE BOUT IS NOW ASSURED

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Bayley Signs Articles and Looks for a Win Over Moran on Jan. 9.

Joe Bayley, the Victoria lightweight, yesterday signed articles for his coming bout with Owen Moran at Stevenson on January 9. Promoter McMahon, of Stevenson, was in the city yesterday on a special trip to secure Bayley's signature, and the local boy was so tickled to get a chance at Moran that he did not stop to dicker about terms, but immediately signed up. Moran has already wired his acceptance to the terms offered and he will start north immediately.

Preparations are already being made to run an excursion from the capital to Stevenson for the event, which will be held at 3 o'clock, the craft returning to the capital immediately after the bout. Bayley has started training for this fight, and from the showing that the local lightweight made against Jack White, he is picked by many to win. Moran was disqualified for butting in the sixth round of his bout with Azevedo. The latter gave Frenchie Valse all that he could do for ten

rounds, so that Moran will prove a tough morsel for Bayley.

Geary Steffen, in other words Willie Ritchie, was a chauffeur. He probably got his training getting taxicab fares out of burly passengers. Now Ritchie could buy out the man for whom he worked. His last battle with Leach Cross netted him \$10,750—\$358 a minute of actual fighting time. The Ritchie-Rivers battle netted the winner \$750 a minute.

Patsy Drouillard, who was said to be on his way to Calgary several times last year but who never came, is being billed in the east as the Canadian lightweight champion. The Detroit Free Press of last Sunday published half a dozen action pictures of the "Canadian lightweight champion" in training for a bout, and the photos were of Patsy Drouillard, of Windsor, Ontario. It's time some of these wise ones in the country to the south either got help to Canadian facts or cease betraying their ignorance. But perhaps the Detroit man is not altogether to blame. Patsy is the champion of Ontario with out a doubt, and according to some eastern Canadian authorities there can be no Canadian champs in any branch of sport, west of the Great Lakes. In other words, perhaps the Detroit scribe had been reading the Toronto papers.

BALL MAGNATES

WANT MORE GAMES

Vancouver Will Trade Mike Konnick; Other League Gossip

Bound for Portland, where the annual meeting of the Northwestern Baseball League will be held on Sunday. President Wattleto, of the Victoria ball club, and Bob Brown, owner of the Vancouver ball club, left today for Seattle. They will join D. E. Dugdale and Joe McGinnity at the Sound City, and travel south in a body. The schedule promises to be the big hit in the northwestern meeting this season, Vancouver and Seattle asking for more games than they had last season, while Tacoma, Victoria, Portland and Spokane are sure to put up a battle to hold what games they had last summer.

A number of trades are in the wind. Joe McGinnity having a number of players that he will either trade off or tie the can to, Victoria may use Zimmerman, Brooks and Lamb in deals that will benefit the team. Bob Brown is anxious to secure an outfielder to replace Kippert, while he will angle for a steady backstop to replace Mike Konnick. The latter does not wish to come west again, and Brown will endeavor to sell or trade him off to one of the American association clubs.

Southern reports indicate that Al Baum, president of the Coast League, made overtures to Fielder Jones when the latter was in the south, wishing to secure Jimmy Thompson as his sixth umpire. In case Jimmy wasn't called to the National League.

Jones denies that Baum approached him on the subject, and as the story broke in Los Angeles, it is barely possible that Jimmy was doing a little overtime work as his own press agent.

New York, Dec. 19.—While "Pop" Anson was amusing the audiences with his experiences on the diamond at the Fifth Avenue theatre, Governor Tener and the National League magnates were discussing plans to reward the captain of the Chicago team in the nineties for his services on the diamond.

The governor and the club owners decided to give Anson a pension of \$25 a week as long as he lives. Anson may be made supervisor of the umpires.

The annual meeting of the National commission will be held in Cincinnati January 5, and will be packed with interest, as the demands of the Players' Fraternity will come up for attention.

Yesterday word was received that the Bees would get a third baseman named Carl Sawyer from Los Angeles. Bert

Delmas, manager of the Bees, was negotiating for Third Baseman Metzger, of the same club, but apparently was induced to take Sawyer in his stead. Sawyer is a speedy, hard-hitting youngster.

FINALS WILL BE

STAGED TO-MORROW

Excellent Golf Features Match at Oak Bay Links

Exciting golf featured yesterday's play at the Oak Bay golf links, when the second round of the Challengers & Mitchell competition was played. Eight matches took place and it is expected that the finals will be reached to-morrow afternoon. The contest calls for eighteen holes, match play, and the feature of the day was the extra hole match between A. V. Macan and C. J. Prior, the former winning. The latter put up a brilliant struggle, and, considering that Mr. Macan holds the British Columbia title, his performance against the champion was exceptionally good.

The complete results follow: J. A. Rithet defeated S. T. Barton; H. G. Garrett defeated C. M. Roberts by default; A. V. Macan defeated C. J. Prior; H. Horton defeated T. W. Jones; A. Coles defeated Capt. Harker; B. Wilson defeated L. B. Kent; W. Pemberton defeated A. P. Luxton; D. Martin defeated F. Cancellor. Much has been written about the rapid progress of golf in the United States during the last year, but the fact of the matter is that it is only a candle to the boom in New Zealand. These islands off the east coast of Australia have something like 250 clubs, 150 of them being on the south island and the remainder on the north. It is said that there is room for fully fifty more.

TWO OTTAWA HOLD-OUTS SIGNS THEIR CONTRACTS

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Skene Ronan and Jack Darragh affixed their names to Ottawa hockey club contracts Saturday night and will thus be fixtures on the local teams during the forthcoming season. The club refused to increase their offers but the threat of a trade evidently had the desired effect, as Ronan and Darragh signed for \$1,000 with the additional clause that they receive a bonus in the event of winning the championship. This leaves the Ottawa with ten good men under contract as follows:

Percy Lesueur, Hamby Shore, Horace Merrill, Percy Winsor, Skene Ronan, Jack Darragh, Harry Broadbent, Eddie Lowery, Allan Wilson and Gregg George.

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REMARKED ON THE SIDE

Herzog is Chosen as Next Victim.

When the Reds took over Charlie Herzog and Catcher Hartley from the Giants a week ago, little did the fans think that the Cincinnati club had thought of making Herzog leader of their hopes next season. Yesterday's dispatch came in the nature of a shock, as it was commonly thought that the Reds would hand the reins over to Hobbs, their giant first-sacker, or grab one of the veteran twirlers that had been spoken of. Herzog is well fitted for the job, having developed such players as Home-Run Baker from an outfielder to a third-sacker, and his long experience under McGraw should stand him in good stead. Herzog was disappointed, but his brilliant performance in the Giants' series with the Red Sox shows that he is a big league star when given proper opportunities. He takes hold of a club that possesses a lot of real stars, but which has never been able to shake the jinx of having the directors butting in on club matters. Should he be able to secure a free hand, there are many who think that he will prove a big success as a major league pilot.

Bombardier Wells Should Quit Ring.

Bombardier Billy Wells should retire from a game for which he is not qualified. The British heavyweight is described as a big, good-natured, agreeable chap, but nature never moulded him for the glove sport. Wells has always had a small waist and a weak stomach. He cannot stand body punching and is a mark for the boring-in kind of fighter. Gunner Moir found the fatal spot in 1911. Last year Al Falzer, after nearly succumbing to a knockout in the first round, put Wells out with a blow in the middle section. Georges Carpentier has done the trick twice, from the same angle, which should be proof enough to convince Wells that he is out of his sphere when in the ring. Wells is one of the cleverest big fellows developed in recent years, but cleverness is of no avail when he has such a glaring physical weakness.

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ABANDON TOUR.

London, Dec. 18.—The North of England lacrosse executive have resolved that it is not desirable at present for a Canadian team to visit here or an English team to visit Canada.

JAMES BAY LINE-UP.

The James Bay team will take the field as follows for their game with the Victoria Welsh at Oak Bay to-morrow: Full-

back, McDonald; three-quarters, Dixon, Scott, Gillespie, Gallher; half-backs, Newcombe and Morton; forwards, Houston, Sprinkling, Gillespie, Milligan, Monteth, Scott, Sweeney, Soder, Reserves, Stewart and Tuck.

Book Beer-Book Wurst.—A combination for a king; Humber "Imperator" book beer and the finest quality book wurst with real German sauer kraut. Nothing better. "The Kaiserhof."

TO-DAY IN PUGILISTIC ANNALS

1887—Jake Kilrain and Jim Smith fought a draw for \$10,000 a side in France. This was one of the first important boxing bouts ever held in France. A few months later John L. Sullivan and Charley Mitchell fought their famous 2-round draw at Chantilly, France. Jake Kilrain was the hero of many great battles, but the one best remembered by the fans is the scrap with John L. at Richburg, Miss. In 1892, Jake and John had a hard time finding a place to settle their difference of opinion, and it was only by selecting a "bush league" burg that they were able to meet at all. It took John L. seventy-five rounds to make Jake "beller nuff." Jake and John have since become firm friends, and have made several theatrical trips together. In 1890 Kilrain fought Jim Corbett, and was defeated in 3 rounds.

1903—Tom King defeated John Heenan in 24 rounds in England.

1910—Johnny Coulton knocked out Earl Bonning in 6th round at Memphis.

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TO LEAD REDS



Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 19.—Charles Herzog, recently purchased from the New York Nationals, was selected manager of the Cincinnati team for the season of 1914, yesterday.

President Herrmann figures it cost the Reds the equivalent of \$20,000 to get Tinker from the Cubs.

The Reds gave Detroit \$2,500 for

Red Corriden, who was given the Cubs for Tinker, along with Mike Mitchell, Art Phelan, Bert Humphries and Pete Knisely.

Tinker's salary for the season was \$10,000, so it is estimated Joe cost the Reds \$30,000 for one season's work.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Joseph Tinker, deposed manager of the Cincinnati ball club, will meet Charles Ebbetts, president of the Brooklyn club soon to decide whether he will become a member of the Brooklyn club. Tinker received today a letter from Ebbetts asking the shortstop to meet him within five days. Tinker replied that he was willing to meet the Brooklyn club owners, but no date was set.

Tinker is willing to play with Brooklyn if he is sure to receive the \$10,000 it was stipulated he was to be given from the sum paid Cincinnati for his release. Tinker also stipulated that he must receive a three years' contract providing for a sufficiently large salary.

"If the bonus is really meant for me and the contract is satisfactory, I will agree to play with Brooklyn," said Tinker.

SPORTING NEWS

(CONTINUED)

MORRIS WILL COME TO COAST

LEAGUE WHEN HE TURNS PRO.

Moose Jaw Star Says He Never Dickered With Quebec Club; Manager Patrick Coaches Champions

Bernie Morris, the now famous Moose Jaw hockey player, states that he will report to the Vancouver Club of the P. C. H. A. should he wish to turn professional. In a letter to the sporting editor of the Victoria Times, Morris states that he has not yet made up his mind, but intends joining the Coast League when he does take the jump. The prairie youth further stated that Joe Hall, of the Quebec club, told him not to report to the Coast League until his case had come before the National hockey commission. The Coast League may write President Quinn, of the N. H. A., asking for an explanation of Hall's action. Morris says that he never dickered with the Quebec club, though Hall informed him that he was the property of that team.

Despite the fact that he carried his left arm in a sling, Lester Patrick was out with the Victoria hockey club yesterday afternoon, acting as coach and drilling the champions as never before. The manager realizes that the boys' fighting spirit was not what it should have been in the game against Vancouver, and he is determined that the players shall show a form reversal when they next meet the Millionaires at the Willows Arena on December 26. Particular attention was paid to the work of the defence, while the forwards were impressed with the necessity of checking back every time they lost the puck. The combination showed great improvement, and the team is shaping up as it did when it easily vanquished Westminster a week ago.

While Vancouver on their showing Tuesday night should be favored in their game at the Royal City to-night, the majority of the champions seem to think that Westminster will carry off the big end of the score. Both teams are evenly matched as regards speed, but the value of home ice should prove the winning factor for the Salmon Bellies.

"Neway" Lalonde, Canadiens' hold-out hockey player, was to-day offered by that team in exchange for both

Ronan and Darragh, the Ottawa pair who have been put on the market by Manager Percy Lesueur, of the Capital team.

Referees in the N. H. A. this winter are compelled to sign contracts. If they fail to appear at the time appointed, they will be fined just like the players.

Ottawa would like to trade Ronan, one of the three holdouts, for Jack Walker, of the Toronto. Percy Quinn cannot see it as Walker is signed, and Ronan might not play.

Jimmy Murphy announces that Jack Macdonald, of Quebec, is the only hold-out of the Ontario. Why not take him for Ronan and make all things even.

The Toronto and Quebec teams of the N. H. A. are the only two clubs who have all their players in line.

LOCAL GOLF STAR



MISS VIOLET POOLEY
Victoria golfer, who finished second to Mrs. Ricardo in the finals for the Flumerfelt cup and British Columbia golf championship.

SPORTING GOSSIP OF THE DAY

Joe Bayler should win over Owen Moran, as Jack White, whom Joe whipped recently, easily defeated Owen.

Howard Drew, the well known American sprinter, does not use tobacco or drink liquor.

Herr Meek says he is going to surprise the Los Angeles fans. Harry intends to take off weight, and by doing so he expects to come near Jimmy Johnson's Pacific coast record for stolen bases.

"Big-footed" Larry McLean is going on the stage. Larry will do a little clog dance and also try his luck at singing.

Frank Barrieau is much the same as Ernie. When either meet with defeat they have an excuse to make.

Johnny O'Leary, the Seattle lightweight, who is in California at the present time, is coming north in search of a fight with Bayler or Valse.

Pretty soon Claude Derrick will be making good in the major league. Derrick will get his third trial in the big league next spring, when he will go south with Superbas. Derrick has a good chance to stick, as Fisher, last year's short fielder for the club, has been sent to the minors.

Ben Spencer, purchased from the Petersburg club of the Virginia league last summer, who played but a few games with Washington only to be sold to Los Angeles in the Coast league, has been recalled by Manager Griffith.

The Reds will use a swimming pool of salt water at their training camp, Alexandria, La., next spring. The pool is located near the ball park and the athletes may bathe in salt water after each practice instead of using a shower.

Until Hughta has decided whether to quit or not it will be impossible to set a date for the lawn tennis championship of Mexico at the Mexico country club. This meeting is usually held in February.

Manager Clark Griffith, of the Nationals, will break all records for spring squads when he gathers his 1914 recruits at Charlottesville, West Virginia, next March. The Old Fox has corralled, since the close of the 1913 season, players numbering in excess of the half century mark.

Art Ross threatens to organize the "hold-outs" and go on a barnstorming tour. His list would include Benedict, Laviolette, Ross, Lalonde, Hyland, Ronan and Darragh. Could any N. H. A. club stop this combination?

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INTERMEDIATES

PLAY SATURDAY

Wards and Empires Meet at North Ward Park

Although the senior league was brought to a close last Saturday, soccer fans will be able to witness two good intermediate games. The Wards and Empires clash at North Ward Park, while Victoria Wests and the Navy eleven will battle on the Canteen grounds. Should the Empires win from the Wards, the gap between the two will be but one point. While should the Wards win or even obtain a draw, the intermediate trophy is theirs. Victoria Wests and the Navy are very evenly matched and a good contest is expected. Of late the Pandora eleven have been showing rare form and while they are picked to win, a good contest between them and the Men's Own is anticipated. The latter club have yet to win a game and they will be out in full strength Saturday to figure in the win column. Sam Lorimer will take a picked eleven from this city Saturday to Duncan to meet the upper islanders. Duncan intend to enter a team in the Island League.

Robert Parker, the brilliant Ranger reserve centre, has been transferred to Everton. Newcastle tried to secure this player, but were unsuccessful. Two leading Scottish clubs were also disappointed. Sheldon, Manchester United's clever understudy to Meredith, has been transferred to Liverpool, at a substantial fee. Manchester City have secured the transfer of Edward Hanne, the capable centre-

half of Reading, the fee reaching well into four figures.

Andrew Wilson, the old Clyde forward, has played in 289 league games and scored 121 goals. Andrew has seen fourteen years' service with Sheffield Wednesday.

Whilst Jocky Simpson has not once found the net this season, his understudy, McGhee, has scored against Everton and Derby County.

The two Reids are again level in the matter of scoring goals, and Dawson is right on their heels.

The Navy soccer team for Saturday follows: Rountree; Christy and Bundy; McDonald, Sales and Meehan; Murrell, Wedgewood, Stott, Wood and Fildewood.

Victoria West Intermediate soccer team for Saturday is as follows: Davis; Ward and Bolton; Mesher, Davis and Kinlock; Muir, McIlmoyle, Harris; Tait and Carmichael; reserve, Brown.

A meeting of the North Ward Football Club will be held on Saturday evening for the purpose of arranging for a "smoker" later on in the season.

With the object of aiding financially some of their players who have been injured this season, the Sons of England and Thistle soccer teams have arranged an exhibition match for tomorrow at Beacon Hill.

Empires will line up against the Wards as follows: Baker, Donald, Davies, Pym; Norton, Nash, Turner, Hayward, Elliott, Marshall, Smith; reserves, Swan, Rutherford, J. Hayward.

SWIMMING LECTURE.

The executive of the Ladies' Swimming Club announces that Mr. Leo will be present at the Y. M. C. A. swimming bath on Monday morning, December 22, at 11 o'clock, to give a lecture and practical demonstration of swimming, diving, etc.

Phoenix Stout, \$1.50 per doz. qts.

SONS AND THISTLES IN BENEFIT GAME TO-MORROW

The proceeds of to-morrow's game between the Sons of England and the Thistles will be equally divided for the benefit of injured players of each team. In a recent game one of the Thistle men was hurt and has not yet recovered from the injury, while Beach of the Sons met with an accident and is still on the injured list.

The game will be undoubtedly a keenly contested match, and although it is the general opinion of the public that the Sons will triumph, the Thistles will put up a battle. It will be remembered that a few Saturdays ago the Scots made the Sons fight hard to tie up the score and the game finished 1 all.

A large crowd is expected to witness the contest, which promises to be a hard-fought battle. The game is to be played at Beacon Hill, commencing at 2.30 sharp. A collection will be taken.

The Sons will line-up as follows: Goal, Munday; backs, Denhall and Greenhalgh; halves, Martin, Blendall and Hales; forwards, F. Kerley, Dougan, Wells, A. Kerley and Douglas.

WOLGAST IS FAVORITE.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 19.—Ad Wolgast and Charlie White are said to be in the best of condition for their ten-round fight here to-night after hard training. The betting ranges from even money to 10 to 8 in favor of Wolgast.

SEATTLE BEAR LOSES.

Tacoma, Dec. 19.—Jim O'Brien, of Ireland, defeated Ivan Miller, of Seattle last night in a four-round contest in "Eagles" hall, on a decision. They are middleweights.

GOLF QUERY.

"Do you play golf?" he asked the little lady, as they started off on their Mulsenberg run for a gambol with the merry surf boards. "I could try, of course," she replied, "but I haven't had much experience. I don't think I should even know how to hold my caddy."—Cape Argus.

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JAS. FAIRWEATHER, Water Commissioner.

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Intending applicants for hotel licenses for the ensuing six months are requested to notify the undersigned in writing not later than 29th inst. of their intention to apply for such licenses, so that the necessary inspection of the premises may be made to ascertain whether the premises for which application is made contain the accommodation required under the Municipal Act.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

(All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.)

A. H. Gee, of Nanaimo, is a guest at the Strathcona.

E. A. Cleveland, of Vancouver, is at the Empress hotel.

A. M. Leitch, of Ashcroft, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

V. A. Rogers, of Seattle, is registered at the Hotel Strathcona.

J. H. Langley, of Seattle, is registered at the Empress hotel.

H. A. Burke, of Vancouver, is registered at the Empress hotel.

John Place, M. P. P. for Nanaimo, is a guest at the Dominion hotel.

Miss Payne, of Royal Oak, is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

C. F. Caldwell, well-known in Kaslo, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

Parker Williams, M. P. P. for Ladysmith, is staying at the Dominion.

F. W. Peters, solicitor for the city council, of Prince Rupert, is in the city.

A. H. McNeill, of Vancouver, solicitor for the G. N. R., is at the Empress hotel.

John C. Church, of Edmonton, is in the city. He is staying at the Hotel Strathcona.

L. Swartz, of Berlin, Ont., is in the city for a few days. He is registered at the Strathcona.

T. H. Wilkinson and Mrs. Wilkinson, of Port Alberni, are among the guests at the Empress hotel.

A. P. E. Stonemayor, of Yokohama, arrived in the city last night. He is registered at the Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Near, of Winnipeg, are in the city. They are registered at the Dominion hotel.

Henry C. Martin registered at the Empress hotel from Qualicum Beach yesterday with Mrs. Martin.

R. Eden Walker and J. J. Jones, of New Westminster, are among the guests at the Empress hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pomeroy, of Viewfield road, celebrated their silver wedding on Tuesday, December 16.

J. R. Lockard, of Cumberland, manager of the Canadian Collieries, Ltd., is registered at the Empress hotel.

Rev. M. F. Hilton and Mrs. Hilton have arrived from San Francisco, and are staying at the James Bay hotel.

W. A. Taylor, the well-known Toronto commercial man, is staying at the Empress hotel during his visit in Victoria.

John T. Begg and Mrs. Begg, of Regina, Sask., are the guests of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Maclean, 424 Skinner street, Victoria West.

J. K. Lockard and Mrs. Lockard, of Cumberland, are among the guests at the Empress hotel. Mr. Lockard is a well-known caterer.

Lorne Campbell, M. P. P. of Roseland, arrived yesterday. He proposes

A WINEGLASSFUL—BEST BEFORE BREAKFAST



(BOTTLED AT THE SPRINGS, BUNA FING, HUNGARY.)

remaining here for some time. He is staying at the Empress hotel.

F. R. McNamara, secretary to the provincial labor commission, left last night upon a month's vacation trip in the east. He proposes to visit his relatives in Ontario.

W. R. Gilley, chairman of the navigation committee of the New Westminster board of trade, was in the city yesterday with the delegation from the body to wait upon the government.

A. F. Yarrow, the Scottish shipbuilder, returned to the city yesterday with his party, comprising his son N. A. Yarrow, R. D. Keay and Mrs. Keay, and E. W. Izard. They are at the Empress hotel again.

CANADIAN CELEBRITIES

ELIZABETH MCGILLIVRAY KNOWLES

It is the customary complaint of some women that they are known only as the wives of their husbands and the names of some men that the world knows them only as the husbands of their more celebrated wives. And in the cases where a common interest in some pursuit makes man and wife to all intents and purposes on the same level society is more or less regularly engaged in gossiping as to which is entitled to the greater consideration.

Especially this is so in art, though it is common enough in religious and social reform work and often in what is called learning. Mrs. Knowles, painter, wife of the well-known Canadian painter McGillivray Knowles, was never intended by nature to be merely the reflex of any man. She has been a painter ever since her marriage, and she is still earnestly engaged in the study of art for its own and for her husband's sake.

There are half a dozen cases in Canada of artist women married to artists, and so far as is known there is nothing but happiness as a result. Yet the possibilities are all the other way. Temperament—that much-abused excuse for all sorts of uncomfortable and disagreeable qualities—is often the cause of domestic acrimony. The same temperamental disposition which is a useful form of expression frequently makes both man and woman more content each with the other. And there are a good many cases of domestic infelicity that might easily be cured or relieved if both man and woman had something in common outside of themselves on which they could expend their common interest, and at the same time forget mere personal quibbles.

So the two Knowles' paint, each in an individual way and each getting profit from the work of the other. Each, however, is wise enough to leave the other considerably alone in the matter of making a picture. I have often thought I should like to see a really good portrait of Mrs. Knowles painted by her husband. The subject is one that would challenge the best effort of a very strong painter. A truly remarkable type of woman. At first sight you do not fancy her a Canadian or American or even Anglo-Saxon. She has the air and the character-expression of one might fancy—a Spanish woman.

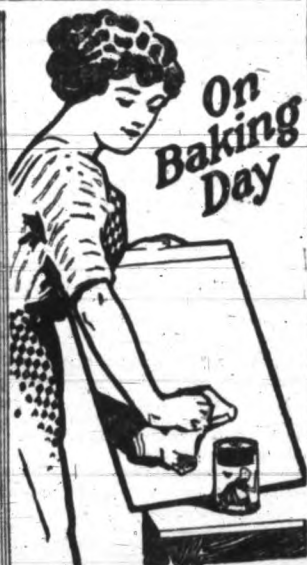
In a company, however large, she is sure not to be overlooked, even though she should sit in some obscure corner of the room. Yet there are many large women who occupy but little room in a company. Mrs. Knowles has all the vivacity and sprightly manners of a petit Frenchwoman. She is a striking figure. She expresses strength absolutely without gush or over-expressiveness.

Hush! No writer should try in words to usurp the function of a painter, especially when the painter happens to be a well-known portraitist and the husband of the subject. No doubt Mr. Knowles knows infinitely better than any word-artist could tell him what are the visible qualities in Mrs. Knowles that would make a real interpretation on canvas. He will probably smile at this effort to paint or make a portrait without paint.

But Mrs. Knowles is so much of an almost public woman that she can scarcely escape publicity. Even though she had never painted a stroke she would still be an unmistakable figure in any social circle. She has all the gifts of a hostess. This is a real art. And it has many ways of expression. Mrs. Knowles has many more strings to her social bow than most women. She uses them all, and many there be that know it.

A few years ago a certain professional worker in Toronto—not a painter nor a musician—flattered himself that he had made himself original by living in a stable. It was a cottage adjacent to a large house which, after various vicissitudes, being used first as a stable, then as a billiard room, and later as a junk-house, he had contrived into a very comfortable den in which he entertained his friends in ways that would have been impossible in a family house. And this man always liked to remind his friends that he was living in a stable. It gave him a note of distinction that made people talk even when he himself might have been very uninteresting.

After about a year of this parade of humility and originality, the man in the case discovered that there were some people in town who had carried the stable idea much farther than he. Behind a college, originally a residence, there was a handsome stable. There by the combined art of two exceedingly



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CLOSING EXERCISES IN CITY SCHOOLS

Interesting Programme Presented by Children This Morning

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Big Audiences Attend at Nearly All of the Places

Nearly all the city schools held their closing exercises this morning, and the bright morning brought out large numbers of the children's parents and friends to the proceedings at the various places.

At Victoria West so large a number of parents came that the programme had to be held in two parts, the juniors leading off with an entertaining list of carols, dialogues, etc., and the friends of the older students coming for the later part of the proceedings by the seniors.

Mr. Salloway, the principal, presided.

and among the visitors present were Superintendent Paul, who spoke to the children a few words of greeting and good wishes for the holidays; and Rev. Dr. MacLean and Rev. Mr. Wood, each of whom briefly addressed the pupils.

The programme was a long one, and consisted of, among other things, the singing of the following carols: "See, Amid the Winter Snow," "First Noel," and "Like Silver Lamps," which were all very prettily sung. The Broom Song, by the girls of division 10, who carried small brooms; the stocking drill, by the boys of division 7, in which they wore stockings on their heads, hands and feet; and the parol and hop drills were all delightfully interesting and pretty. Among the recitations which were enjoyed were that by the pupils of division 9, and the hop drill by the girls of division 4. The girls of division 5 did a Mother Goose story, and Irene Fisher and Fernie Stoneman sang a duet called "The Milkmaid." Division 6 boys gave a song and drill called "Rainy Days," and the remainder of the programme consisted of the dialogue by the pupils of division 9, and a dance by the pupils of division 8, in the preparation of all of which the assistant teachers took an active part.

At the North Ward School there was not only an excellent programme but a very interesting exhibition as well of the manual training work of the pupils, which consisted of small chairs, cupboards, etc., made by the members of the various classes. Among the visitors who gathered in the auditorium were Trustee Jenkins, ex-Trustees MacNeil and MacIntosh, and Rev. Mr. Hauch, who, together with the other guests of the morning, were welcomed by the chairman, Principal J. M. Campbell, in a short address which he delivered at the beginning of the proceedings. He also called attention to the manual training display, which many of the visitors afterwards went up to inspect in person.

The remainder of the programme was as follows: Song, "The Manger Throne," by the school; violin solo, Willie Balagoo; Christmas drill by Division 5; "Christmas Guests," by the girls of Division 4; recitation by two small girls of Division 3, and a number of songs, including the beautiful old "Good King Wenceslaus," sung by the whole school, as well as class songs by Divisions 3 and 4. The proceedings concluded with the singing by the school of the carol, "The First Noel," followed by the National Anthem.

South Park School.

The usual number of visitors attended the closing exercises at South Park school, Principal Allison Campbell presiding in the chair, and on behalf of the school welcoming those who had shown their interest by attending. Rev. F. H. Fatt was also present with him on the platform, and presented with words of commendation the prizes to the three successful lads who had taken part in the shooting competition held by the officers of the Cadet corps. The boys were Llewellyn Gilbert, who won the fourth prize, and Jack Meldrum and Harold Elworthy, who tied for the fifth prize.

Mr. Pollard, director of music for the public schools of Victoria, was present in person, and conducted the various choruses and songs given by the children, while the chairman early in the proceedings read a letter from Trustee Jay, of the board of school trustees, regretting his inability to be present, but wishing the principal, staff and pupils of South Park school a very happy Christmas.

The programme opened with the carol, "Like Silver Lamps," which was followed by recitations by Ruth Melville, George Bullock, May Morry, Beta Ormiston, Nellie Hamilton and Maple Wamozhura, other items on the programme being a very clever piano solo by Sadie Moore, and exercises and drills by the boys of Division 6, the girls of Divisions 7 and 8, which all won the heartiest of applause. The presentation of the prizes for rifle shooting was as much appreciated by the school as a whole as by the boys who had distinguished themselves, and the occasion was the signal for loud cheering.

Decorations of evergreens and Christmas bells made the room very pretty, and the proceedings there also closed with the National Anthem.

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short programmes were held before the pupils were disbanded for the holidays. Songs, recitations, and short drills formed the programme, and the children went through the formality of distributing gifts and Christmas cards to each other in one or two of the rooms.

Hillside School.

The primary school at Hillside avenue had a most enjoyable programme yesterday, and the little folk entered into the spirit of their proceedings with quite as much zest as was to be seen at any of the other places.

Quite appropriately the programme commenced with a bright little "Cricket Song" by the school, after which a number of boys took part in a little dialogue called "When I'm a Man." Two little girls, Kathleen Stimpson and Messa Wallace, bravely stood up and sang solos, and a long programme of pretty songs was given by the classes of the whole school, among these being "A Merry Merry Christmas," "Glad Bells," "Christmas," "Santa Claus," and "Christmas Lullaby." Twelve girls sang a charming little doll song, and the whole school joined in the singing of the carol: "See Amid the Winter Snow," and the National Anthem, which concluded the proceedings after candles had been distributed by the teachers to all their little pupils.

Protestant Orphanage.

At the Protestant orphanage, where the city school board recently opened up a public school for the benefit of the little folk living at the home, the closing proceedings—the first which have ever taken place in this newly-organized school—were followed out along the usual lines, exercises, songs, drills, etc., constituting the programme. Owing to the fact that none of the little people at the home have parents, there were but few visitors, but the proceedings marked none the less the coming of the holidays, and were carried out with great interest on the part of the fifty or so children who took a share in the affair.

Kingston Street.

Three hundred little boys and girls marched up from Kingston street school to South Park school yesterday to go through their closing exercises, the feature of this being the "Santa Claus At Home," in which about 150 children, trained by Miss Lott, took part, the principals being Cecil Davies, Betsy Ingles, Kathleen Wootton, Grant Ford, Irene Howes, Alfred Tripp, Laura Fowler, Jessie Macdonald, Kathleen Percival and Richard Gray.

Miss Lawson, principal of the school, presided, and addressed a few words of greeting to the visitors, also calling for three cheers for Mr. Campbell through whose generosity the South Park school had been lent for the exercises. Santa Claus called for three cheers for Miss Lawson, which were also given with generous enthusiasm.



LETTER BOX

Letters for publication in Daily Times must be received at the Times office not later than the day before the day of publication. When received later they will be held over until the following day.

While unobjectionable anonymous communications will be published, the name and address of every writer of such letters must be given to the editor.

ALD. GLEASON EXPLAINS.

To the Editor:—Kindly permit me to say that I had nothing whatever to do with the recent action of the Voters' League in attempting to cut off wholesale a large number of voters from the list, nor am I in sympathy with such action. Further, my majority campaign is entirely apart from the above organization. My committee is an independent one, most of whom have never been connected with the Voters' League.

While I welcome the support of any organization, I wish to disclaim responsibility for the course adopted.

W. A. GLEASON.

Victoria, Dec. 19.

COLONEL'S LAST PARADE

Fifth Regiment and Commander Parted Company at Annual Inspection.

At the annual inspection of the Fifth Regiment last night, Lieut.-Colonel Currie seized the opportunity of making his farewell address to the men. He expressed feelingly his regret at departing from the regiment in which he had spent 17 years, but declared that he was being succeeded by an officer every bit as competent and interested in the regiment as he was himself. He referred to Major Winsby, whose appointment as commander will probably come in the next issue of the Gazette. At the conclusion of the colonel's speech the men expressed their devotion to him in three mighty cheers.

An interesting feature of the parade was the presentation to Quartermaster-Sergeant J. Caven of a long-service medal. Fourteen of the 21 qualifying years were spent in the Fifth, the rest in the old country.

Entertainment for Poor Children.—On Christmas morning at 11 a. m., the First Baptist church, in the Dominion theatre, will give an entertainment to children whose parents may be out of work or in straitened circumstances at the present time. Carefully selected moving pictures of interest to children will be shown. The admission is free to all, of whatever church or creed.

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WARN PARENTS OF FLIMSY DECORATIONS

Fire Chief Speaks of Dangers Lurking in Illuminated Christmas Trees

A seasonable warning is given by Fire Chief Davis with regard to the protection from fire at Christmas time, when flimsy decorations and inflammable material often form the setting for scenes of calamity.

The chief advises that candles on Christmas trees should be entirely abandoned, and that the use of electric lights should be curtailed as much as possible. If the globes are used at all, and there is always a risk, he says in connection with the fir wood if dry, they should be uncovered, and no ornamental paper allowed to cover up the globes, which will rapidly be overheated.

Great care should be exercised in connection with the handling of cotton wool and packing material. The former contains oily matter which is

inflammable and a spark can quickly lead to serious consequences. Combustible material in children's dresses is also to be avoided if parents are to remain on the safe side.

The chief had an inspection made yesterday of some of the stores where Christmas trees and similar Yuletide pleasures tempt the eye of the younger children, and advice was tendered to those in charge where peril lurked in the foliage from illuminant or its dressing.

While the public is generally coming to realize that the stories of disaster which occupy the press each Christmas may be repeated in their own homes through carelessness, the warning which the chief gives is not to be neglected by those who have to think for others of immature years.

SPECIAL MAIL TRAIN.

Victoria Letters and Parcels Will Arrive in Six Curiaids in Vancouver To-night.

Several thousand letters and parcels for Victoria residents are now en route to Victoria, the special train containing them arriving in Vancouver to-night.

The Christmas mail train now on the way from the east has one of the largest consignments of letters and parcels ever dispatched. Delays on the Atlantic resulted in an accumulation of mail at St. John, and in order

to facilitate the distribution of the thousands of letters and parcels it was decided to rush them across the continent on a fast special.

The Empress of India, which will sail as soon as the mail is put aboard from the special train to-morrow night, will leave two days behind her regular schedule, but it is understood that special efforts will be made on the way across the Pacific ocean to make up at least a day and probably more, before she reaches Hongkong.

The "mail" express is being operated as a first section of the regular passenger Toronto train.

SCHOOL ESTIMATES

Board Commenced To-day Preparation of Schedule of Expenditure for 1914.

The school board met to-day to consider the estimates for 1914, in accordance with the promise to the city council to fall in with the budget system. It was also expected that janitors would be appointed at the meeting.

Probably several sessions will be required to complete the examination of the estimates, and to decide whether a by-law will be required in January. The expectation is at present that some provision will be made for the completion of the high school, and also for the furnishing thereof. The by-law which was passed two years ago

at the annual election did not, of course, cover the present contract, as that upon which the ratepayers voted was \$285,000 for the building, but the contractors did not start it, and ultimately the work was awarded to the present firm at an enhanced price of some \$38,000.

The financing of the furnishing has also to be considered by the board. Beyond the Fernwood school, the policy of the construction of which has not been finally determined upon by the board, its necessity being entirely dictated by the normal increase in the population, the board has a sufficient large programme in the graded schools planned not to embark on a larger programme next year. For these schools debentures have been authorized, but not yet sold.

J. E. GRIFFITH APPOINTED

Chief Engineer of Public Works Will Hold Dual Office.

Somewhat to the surprise of those closely in touch with government circles, Public Works Engineer J. E. Griffith has added to his duties that of deputy minister of the department, in succession to W. W. Foster, who resigned to contest the Islands constituency.

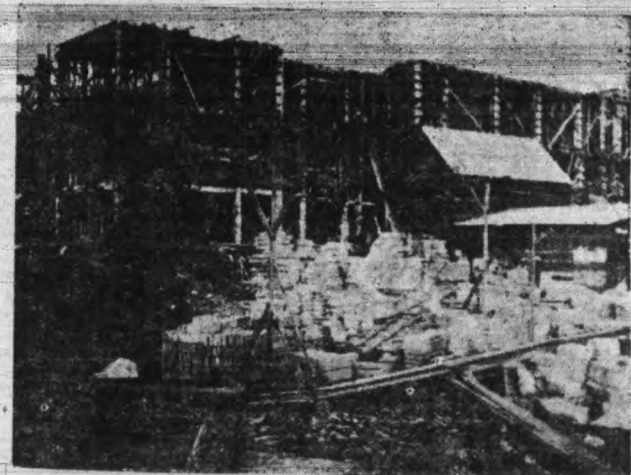
It is explained that no other appointment was suggested, and that Mr.

Griffith is to occupy a dual position for the present. It has been currently rumored for some time that if Mr. Foster was elected, J. G. C. Wood, the member for Alberni, who was formerly connected with road work in that riding, would be the new deputy minister, but the government is apparently not ready to open the Alberni constituency yet. Possibly it is because of the personal popularity of H. C. Brewster in the West Coast, and the fear that the representations which have been made to him from Liberal circles to re-enter the House would prevail, that the government has not thought fit yet to open this extensive and widely scattered riding where its machine would have difficulties not experienced in the Islands recently.

Mr. Griffith has had an important post, since he succeeded Mr. Gamble, at a time when the province has spent enormous sums in roads, bridges and public buildings. He has had long experience in railroad work in this province, and in South America, before his appointment as assistant to Mr. Gamble some years ago.

The trial of a notorious old moonshiner was over and he had been found guilty. The judge lectured him severely on his long criminal record and then sentenced him to thirty-six years' imprisonment, saying that the court had no feeling of anger toward him, but only of pity. The prisoner listened stolidly and said as he left the court room: "Well, I s'pose am glad he wasn't mad at me."

VICTORIA'S NORMAL SCHOOL



The handsome building now under construction at Mount Tolmie for the provincial government by Luney Brothers, which is to be occupied next August. The view is taken from the southwest, and shows the extensive character of the structure which is to house technical and domestic departments, as well as the teacher training classes, and the contract price is over \$300,000. The architectural feature of the building will be the central tower.

Victoria Stands Appalled

Thousands of people held spellbound by the staggering and overwhelming bargains that are now being offered to the people of this community. Nothing ever equalled it before. The

Big Fire, Smoke and Water Sale

Is sweeping the whole city with a flood of bargains that strikes terror into the hearts of the merchants and the staunchest bargain-seekers. Come, don't miss it. Nothing can compare with this monstrous slaughter. It's next to giving the goods away. Clothing, Furnishings, Hats, Shoes, Dry Goods, Jewelry and Groceries have now reached their lowest limit.

Come! Doors Re-Open to the Crowds,
Saturday at 10 a. m.

1419 and 1421 DOUGLAS STREET

If the crowds are too large for you on Saturday, come Monday or any day next week. New lots of goods opened up every day.

Men's Clothing Given Away

THOUSANDS OF OVERCOATS, RAINCOATS, PANTS AND SUITS to Be Slaughtered in This Sale

Men's Suits, positively worth \$10.00, or your money refunded any time during the sale (damaged). Price **\$1.98**

Suits worth to \$15, or your money refunded any time during this sale **\$3.98**

Men's Overcoats and Suits in high-grade dark silk mixed chevrons; splendidly tailored. Reg. prices to \$18. Price **\$6.98**

Blue Serge, Thibet and Unfinished Worsted Suits, also

Richfield brown, and brown stripes. Suits that sell up to \$22.50. Price **\$8.98**

Men's Fine Overcoats and Hand-Tailored Suits in all the wanted styles. Worth up to \$30.00. Now **\$9.99**

Groceries Given Away

Some Labels Soiled or Wet

25c Holbrook's Sauce, labels soiled, for **7¢**
15c Corn, now **5¢**
15c Canned Tomatoes, now **5¢**
5c and 10c brand of Soaps, now 2 for **5¢**
45c bottles Lime Juice **13¢**
35c bottles Olive Oil; labels are soiled **9¢**
15c and 20c cans Peas **5¢**
10c and 15c Lemon and Vanilla Extracts, now 2 for **15¢**

Men's Pants Given Away

Men's Pants, soiled, in grey stripes and plain shapes for dress wear; regular price to \$3.50. Sale price **\$1.49**
Men's fine Worsted Trousers, worth \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$8.00. Sale price **\$2.48**
Men's Pants, worth up to \$3.50. Now **69¢**

CHILDREN'S SUITS GIVEN AWAY

Men's and Boys' Furnishings Given Away

Men's Shirts; regular prices to \$1.00. Now **19¢**
Sweater Coats, shawl collar; worth to \$5.00. Now **\$1.49**
Men's Underwear; worth to \$1.50. Now **45¢**
Men's Handkerchiefs; worth to 15¢. Now **2¢**
Sweater Coats, worth to \$3.00. Now **79¢**
High-class Flannel Dress Shirts, with and without separate collars; worth from \$3.00 to \$4.00. Now **\$1.15**
25c and 35c Cashmere Hose at **12¢**
35c Boys' Underwear **9¢**
75c Boys' Sweaters **20¢**
15c and 25c Boys' Suspenders **5¢**
40c Boys' Wool Hose **12¢**
50c Children's Overalls for **19¢**
\$1.25 Blue Engineers' Shirts **3¢**
10c Blue and Red Handkerchiefs for **2¢**
75c and \$1.00 Black Sateen Shirts for **29¢**
\$1.00 Caps for **39¢**
35c and 50c Suspenders **14¢**
15c Excelde Fancy Handkerchiefs for **3¢**

Shoes Given Away

\$3.00 Ladies' Shoes **89¢**
\$3.50 Shoes, now **\$1.49**
\$1.00 Men's Rubbers **39¢**
\$2.00 Children's Shoes **69¢**
\$1.50 Ladies' Slippers **49¢**
\$2.00 and \$2.50 Boys' Shoes **98¢**

Hats Given Away

Hats, soft and stiff, worth \$2.00. Sale price **49¢**
Big line Hats, worth up to \$3.50. Sale price **98¢**

JEWELLERY GIVEN AWAY

GROCERIES GIVEN AWAY

Notions and Ladies' Furnishings Given Away

25c and 35c Ladies' Cashmere Hose **12¢**
35c and 50c Ladies' Vests **14¢**
5c Coats' Thread **1¢**
Hooks and Eyes, per card **1¢**
Buttons, worth to 25c card, for **1¢**
Ladies' Handkerchiefs, worth to 25c; for **1¢**
12c and 15c Gingham and 10c Prints, now, per yard **3¢**
25c and 50c Dress Goods; now, per yard **6¢**
Shawls, worth to \$3.50; now, for only **10¢**
Children's Hosiery, worth to 25c; now **98¢**
5c Pins; now **6¢**
5c Hairpins, now **2¢**
15c and 25c Towels, now for **6¢**
And hundreds of other articles we cannot mention here. Come pick 'em out.

DRY GOODS GIVEN AWAY

LOOK FOR THE BIG SIGN

Insurance Adjusters' Sale

1419-1421 DOUGLAS STREET

Wanted—Extra Salespeople for Clothing, Furnishings, Hats, Shoes, Dry Goods, Groceries. Store Open Evenings.

FIRE, SMOKE AND WATER SALE

Of salvage from the big \$400,000 Vancouver wholesale district fire. Sale for ten days only. Open week days till 9 p.m.

YOU CAN COME HERE AND BUY THE SAME AS THE REST OF THE DEALERS. GOODS SOLD WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

Saturday, The Day of Days!

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**Suits to
Be Sold
To-morrow**

**MORE IMPOSING VALUES TO CELEBRATE THE
CLOSE OF THE LAST WEEK BEFORE XMAS**

Our Gigantic Moving Sale will be long remembered by Victorians for the astonishing values they received just at the time when they simply had to spend money—because it is unavoidable at the Xmas season. But the chance to purchase your Xmas presents at such prices as we are quoting comes to you once in a life-time

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**Overcoats
to Be Sold
To-morrow**

See That YOU Get the Benefit of Them To-morrow

Men's Suits

At Gigantic Moving Prices

35 Suits in brown tweeds, business suits of fine serviceable qualities, and some blue serges in the larger sizes. Magnificent \$20.00 values—**Saturday**

Half-Price

\$10.00

Strong Saturday Showing at

\$18.75

\$25.00 values of "Proper Clothes" make, with all that that conveys to you of style and finish. Regular standard Suits in rough and fine blue serges. Regular \$25.00. Beautifully-tailored and accompanied by our usual guarantee.

\$25.00, \$27.50 and \$30.00 values in tweeds and worsteds are included in this showing, Suits of splendid quality; several lines in double-breasted three-button styles in plain shades and narrow brown striped mixtures.

You'll find it impossible to realize the values without seeing them. Come in to-morrow, handle the fabrics, try them on and note the fit.

Every Suit is new Fall stock. Your size is here. Get it on Saturday at

Gigantic Moving Sale Price

\$18.75

There's Real Comfort in a Sweater Coat

For lady or gentleman. The greatest, most acceptable \$5.00 present you can give. Regular \$6.50 Shaker-Knit Sweater Coats in red, white, brown, grey; also three lines of Ladies Sweater Coats with belt of same material in brown, grey and wine shades. Regular \$7.50 values. Your choice of any one on Saturday at **\$5.00**

How About a Dressing Gown?

Velours and camel hair in soft shades, finished with fancy cuffs and revers. Grand values at \$22.50, \$16.50 and \$13.50. **Christmas specials, \$15.00, \$11.50 and \$9.95**

Or a Smoking Jacket?

Only the better quality left, priced originally up to \$16.50. **Christmas Special \$10.00**

OUR WINDOWS INVITE YOUR ATTENTION—OUR PRICES DEFY COMPETITION. SEE THE GOODS TO-MORROW BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS

**You'll Like Our
Clothes—
Regd.**

Only Four Days Left to Choose Your Xmas Gifts

You never make a mistake when you choose wearing apparel for a man. You certainly never make a mistake when you choose it here. Probably he buys his apparel here—and we can offer useful suggestions as to his taste in dress.

Stanfield's Silk and Wool Underwear, No. 22, regular \$2.25 per garment Saturday \$1.75
Stanfield's Ribbed Wool Underwear, No. 88, reg. \$2 per garment Saturday \$1.50
Stanfield's Wool and Cotton Mixed Underwear, No. 77, regular \$1.50 per garment Saturday \$1.25
Stanfield's Combination Suits of the same fine union mixture, \$3.50, \$3.00 and \$2.50 Saturday \$2.50
Watson's All-Wool Combination Suits, regular \$4.50. Saturday, only \$2.95

Umbrellas

Any one of the new style handles with fine quality silk cover would make an acceptable gift—made to roll close.

\$6.50 values for \$5.00
\$7.50 values for \$5.95
\$4.00 values for \$2.95

Walking-Stick Umbrellas, the latest and most convenient form in which you can carry an umbrella—serves the double purpose. Strong values up to \$10.00 from **\$6.50**

A Revelation in Xmas Neckwear

We sent abroad for new Dresden Silks and Tartan Plaids and are more than satisfied with our purchases—as you will be when you see them. They're just the sort of Neckwear a man appreciates; an easy way to please him if you're at a loss what to buy. At 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and up to \$3.00, you can buy the smartest Neckwear in the city.

Hosiery, Gloves, Goggles, Scrip, Shirts, Scarves, Dress Apparel; Dress Sets, Links, etc. Make your selection here and save 30c to 35c on every \$1.00 you spend.

Mothers!

Our Boys' Department will soon be a thing of the past. Avoid future regrets by taking advantage to-day of the magnificent values you can get at our **BIG HALF-PRICE SALE**

The best fabrics and styles are left for your choice at this Half-Price Sale. Think what it means to be able to outfit two boys at the cost of one—**AND GET A BETTER QUALITY SUIT INTO THE BARGAIN**. Open your eyes to a good thing and come on Saturday. We have suits left at all prices to \$20 from \$8, in fancy tweed mixtures and blues to be cleared at Half-Price. Come.

Men's Overcoats

At Gigantic Moving Prices

Four grand offers that will enable every man to get a new Overcoat for Christmas—of a quality, in a style, and at a price that is bound to please.

25 Overcoats, well-built, serviceable, attractive Ulster styles—the best value ever offered for \$20.00.

Saturday \$12.75

30 Overcoats, all-wool English tweeds, square or Raglan shoulders, 50 in. to 52 in. long. Our standard values at \$25.00. While they last

Saturday \$14.75

20 Motor Overcoats, those thick, warm, light-weight fabrics that have made such a hit with materials this Fall. Regular strong values at \$35.00.

Saturday \$23.75

20 Overcoats of the highest grade. Soft, all-wool fabrics, cut in the strictest style, fairly close fitting at the waist and widening out below, collar buttoning close at the neck. Warm, exceptionally smart, everlasting—and priced for

Saturday \$29.75

A Gift of Fine Furs for a Lady

—Is perhaps the most acceptable way in which you can remember her at this season. We have just received a box of Mink Ties and Scarves to match the beautiful Muffs we have in stock. You will find already here an excellent range of Russian Ermine Ties and Muffs, a few sets of Marten, and a good assortment of the medium-priced Furs such as Russian Fitch, Persian Lamb, Mink Marmot, Squirrel, Thibet, Astrachan and others. They were offered before at prices that defy competition and have been marked for our Gigantic Moving Sale at a straight reduction of

25 Per Cent.

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**1017-1019
Government St.
South of Fort**

HEARD MANY DEPUTATIONS

Want Grant for Ore Exhibit in Vancouver, South Vancouver Wants Seymour Creek Water.

A. G. McCandless, of the Vancouver board of trade, and T. C. Hodley of the chamber of mines, asked the government yesterday to lend financial assistance to the establishment of an exhibit of British Columbia ores at the chamber of mines in Vancouver and the premier promised an early answer to the request. The chamber of mines wishes to put up as good an exhibit as possible, as it is felt that there will be a substantial development of the mining industry within the next five years, now that the real estate business has passed from the speculative stage and capital will be directed to other investments.

Deputations were also heard by the government yesterday afternoon from New Westminster, Mayor Gray asking that the Pitt River bridge be built 20

feet higher to permit the passing of small boats, and from Kelowna, which urged the government to dyke Mission creek to prevent the frequent overflows on to the surrounding agricultural lands.

South Vancouver and North Vancouver districts waited upon the government jointly, the former requesting that it be permitted to use 450 inches of the 800 inches of water in Seymour creek allotted to North Vancouver in the partition of some years ago. North Vancouver insisted, that while South Vancouver was welcome to the water for the present, when North Vancouver's growth was so great that it needed the water for its own use the water should be turned over entirely to the north shore municipality. At present North Vancouver district buys from the city of North Vancouver, and is not using its rights in the Seymour.

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Special Malt Vinegar, Large bottle	15c
Pure English Lemon Curd, Bottle	25c
Carr's English Ginger Snaps or Mixed Biscuits, Per pound	15c
New Zealand Butter, First grade, 3 lbs.	\$1.00
B. C. Milk, Per tin	10c
Sunflower Salmon, 3 tins for	25c
Stevens' Pickles, Extra large bottle	25c
Heinz Mincemeat, Per lb.	25c
Walnuts, Per lb.	15c

Your "Wiltshire" As You Like It

Real Wiltshire Bacon. Come in and choose your own cut and see it sliced.

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DRESSING GOWNS
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WILL SHOW INCREASE

AT NEXT FEDERATION

President of B. C. Federation of Labor Says Coming Gathering Will Be Notable

With the appointment of a delegation to attend the session of the B. C. Federation of Labor in January at New Westminster, which from the standpoint of organized labor is one of the best organized cities in the Dominion, local attention is already focused upon one of the most important labor gatherings in western Canada, and the chief one in British Columbia.

The trades' council will send the present president, Christian Sivertz, and T. H. Norris, the secretary of the trades and labor council, as delegates of that council, and other members will be appointed by their respective locals.

Foremost among the matters which will be discussed, says President Sivertz, will be the miners' strike on Vancouver Island, which has directed the eyes of the civilized world to industrial conditions in this province. The federation has given a consistent and steady support to the principles for which the men have struggled, and the Miners' Liberation League is one of the methods by which the working men of the province desire to see the men now in prison set at liberty. Discussion will be held with a view to devising ways and means whereby the entity of a labor organization may be kept intact during a prolonged strike.

Among the representatives from the interior will be Vice-President Gray, of Fernie, delegate of the coal miners of the Crow's Nest district. There will also be a considerable representation of the district of the United Mine Workers situated on Vancouver Island. In connection with the travelling expenses of delegates, which has always been a considerable stumbling block on account of the long distances to be

traveled, a suggestion will be offered to the convention in connection with the raising of a fund for this special purpose.

While a year of considerable industrial difficulty may reasonably be expected to act prejudicially on labor, the membership of the federation has been well maintained, and the report which will be presented will show a substantial increase in the numbers, and in the organizations represented. There were some 12,000 members represented at the last convention here, and the total is now materially advanced. This will be the fourth convention held by the organization.

CHILEAN FROM HONGKONG

A. P. E. Sotomayor Says Chinese Government is Eager to Capture Sun Yat Sen.

Although A. P. E. Sotomayor bears the name of a famous Japanese diplomat and is registered at the Dominion hotel from Yokohama, he is, as a matter of fact, a Chilean from Hongkong, or Chilean, as he prefers to call it. He registered from Yokohama because that was the last port at which he called on the Tampo, Maru on his way from Hongkong to Victoria, and the coincidence of his name is mere accident.

Mr. Sotomayor has not been in his native land for ten years, but has been engaged in an importing business at Hongkong during that time. He is almost the only South American in that great cosmopolitan port. His visit to Victoria is partly vacation and partly business. He expects to spend about two months in Victoria and the American and Canadian cities in this vicinity before returning to Hongkong, and may transact some business while here.

Mr. Sotomayor states that the spirit of disorder is fairly well quieted down in China, but that Sun Yat Sen, from his hiding place in Japan, is seeking to organize trouble for the present administration. Sun Yat Sen's opposition is based on antipathy to Yuan Shih Kai's policy of keeping the old mandarins in the government. Mr. Sotomayor does not believe that Sun Yat Sen carried off any money when he fled to Japan or the government would have been able to get him back by extradition, as they are very eager to have him prisoner and put an end to his machinations against the authorities. Public opinion is not very strong in Sun Yat Sen's favor, however, and Mr. Sotomayor expects that he will not be successful in organizing any serious revolution.

EXHIBITION TO BE

HELD HERE IN 1914

Principle of Grant Was Established by Laurier Government Many Years Ago

The Dominion exhibition for 1914 will be held in Victoria. News to this effect was received yesterday from the Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture for the Dominion, the information being accompanied by a statement to the effect that the federal grant of \$50,000 would be made for the purpose.

The communication came in the form of a letter to Mr. Burrell, this being in reply to a night lettergram sent on December 8 by the board of trade to the minister of agriculture, asking for some definite reply to the petition which was sent in early in February with reference to the matter, and urging that if the appropriation was to be made in favor of Victoria information to this effect might be sent as soon as possible in order that they could proceed at once with the preparations.

The minister of agriculture wrote that he had given the idea very serious consideration, and, in view of the representations made in favor of Victoria, and the number of names of prominent business men both here and on the mainland who had attached their signatures to the petition, he had at last decided that Victoria was entitled to the grant.

The vote had still to be presented to and passed by the House of Commons, but as provision will be made in the estimates for the amount the grant is now practically assured.

What is generally referred to as a Dominion exhibition is in reality an extension of a provincial exhibition. The Laurier government a good many years ago established the policy of granting \$50,000 annually in aid of exhibitions, beginning with Ontario and thereafter to each of the provinces.

Each province having a well organized association, capable of administering the grant, has received the appropriation at least once, and the grant is now on its second lap around the Dominion. This year it is British Columbia's turn to get the \$50,000, and very properly Victoria's claim has been recognized.

The first grant to this province was given to the New Westminster association about six or seven years ago.

Wanted to Purchase—Good agreements for sale at reasonable rates. Colonial Trust Company, Limited. Merchants Bank Building.



FOR XMAS AND BEFORE

You will find the most choice selection of Meats, the tenderest, plumpiest Chickens, Ducks, Geese and Turkeys at the Dominion Market nearest your home. We prepare daily a fresh supply of best Chopped Suet—the kind you must use if your Mincemeat and Plum Puddings are to be up to the high standard the family will expect.

Between now and Christmas day there are a good many meals to be prepared, of course, but coming down to the more prosaic everyday Roasts, Steaks, Chops, etc., you will find here quality and service of the highest order. Order Sunday's dinner at the Dominion Market this week.

Our Motto—Good Things to Eat.
Dominion Market Co., Ltd.

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Oak Bay Junction.....Phone 1556
1307 Gladstone, near Fernwood Road.....Phone 2531
1901 Hillside Avenue, corner Quadra.....Phone 2258



The Present She'll Like

Is a pair of warm plaid Slippers, with turn down collar and soft padded cushion soles. Just the ideal Slipper for all house workers. Three qualities at \$1.75, \$1.35, and

\$1 PAIR

The Opera Slipper



A special price has been put on these this week-end, and to early shoppers this great favorite with the men folks will be sold, in black kid with the flexible soles at\$1.25

Men's Dress Pumps



We've a special Christmas gift price on these Patent Calf Pumps, a necessity for all dress functions. Public Benefit price\$2.95

WATSON'S, THE SLIPPER CENTRE

Decides to give the public the benefit of their "Public Benefit" prices on all Gift Slippers bought To-morrow and Monday.

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SAYS HE HAS TAKEN PHOTOS OF GHOSTS

German Scientist Tells of Remarkable Experiments in the Occult

Munich, Dec. 18.—A German nobleman and physician, Dr. A. Frohner von Schrenck-Notzing of Munich, has applied as near as they can be applied the methods of the clinic and the laboratory to spiritualistic manifestations. He claims not only to have seen the phenomenon of materialization but to have photographed it, to have touched and handled the visions, phantoms or apparitions and to have submitted to chemical and microscopic examinations the substance of which they are composed.

In the pursuit of his purpose he has employed four years of painstaking investigation and has embodied the results in a book of more than 500 pages which has just been published by Ernst Reinhardt under the title of "Materializations-Phenomena."

Dr. von Schrenck-Notzing is recognized as the greatest German expert in occult research, and he had done considerable work upon the subject before he began the series of investigations which he reports. For this reason his book promises to create as great if not even greater sensation than did the Italian medium Eusapia Paladino in his palmist days and likewise to form one of the chief topics of the next international occult congress, which is to be held in Berlin.

The book is mostly taken up in the recital of incidents of seances at which he was present. He tells these with all their details, however minute, and with the same precision that he would employ in explaining a surgical operation, to a class of students. Ghosts appear and disappear upon almost every page; mysterious figures that seem to come from nowhere fill across the vision for a few seconds and vanish into space, things constantly happen such as have set the world apace or chilled it to the very marrow-bones for centuries—all of these he tells as a mere matter of course and with no attempts at thrills, except what thrills there may be in a plain, simple statement.

200 Photographs Shown.

In order to make a more complete and convincing record of his investigations he introduces into his book almost 200 photographs which he took upon highly sensitive plates and by machines that he had especially constructed for the purpose. By this means he shows the most interesting of the manifestations, the position of the investigators and the medium and also of the ghostly faces, hands and figures. He likewise gives reproductions of photographs of the element in which the spirits materialize and which he holds is a peculiar gaseous, smoke-like substance that emanates from the body of the entranced medium.

He began his investigations at Paris in May, 1909. He employed as his medium a young French woman whom he refers to as Eva C., 23 years of age, who was in comfortable circumstances and who offered her services in the interest of occult science. Her wonderful ability as a medium was first discovered by Mme. Bisson, wife of the author Alexander Bisson, and at their house, 139 Avenue Victor Hugo, in Paris, most of the seances were held.

In all of the seances Dr. von Schrenck-Notzing says that precautions were taken which made deception impossible. The cabinet was thoroughly inspected, the medium was disrobed by Mme. Bisson and attired in clothes that had been especially prepared for the tests, after which the doctor each time examined the hands, feet and mouth.

The seances continued until July of this year. They must have numbered several hundred, all were not fruitful in results and many developed things that were unexpected. In the earlier attempts the materializations were mostly of hands or other parts of the body. In October, 1910, with the medium's feet in full view through the opening in the curtains, a foot appeared beneath the edge of the hangings of the cabinet and moved for some distance along the floor. All this time the feet of the medium were seen by the investigators and her hands were holding open the curtain. In the same month, while the hands of the medium were held outside the cabinet opening, two well-developed, finely formed hands, apparently those of a woman or child, grabbed the medium's left arm just above the wrist, remained visible for a few seconds and vanished.

REGRET EXPRESSED AT EXPOSITION DECISION

Committee Will Endeavor to Bring Matters to Notice of Parliament, Again.

London, Dec. 18.—The British press generally expresses regret today at the cabinet's decision not to provide an official British pavilion at the Panama-Pacific exposition. The *Unionist Evening Standard* says: "The question of expense should not have stood in the way of assisting in the celebration of the completion of a great commercial enterprise by a friendly power."

The *Westminster Gazette* says: "We should be sorry for the United States to think the attitude of Great Britain is significant of more than the simple fact that manufacturers have not been attracted by the proposition."

The committee which has been urging participation by Great Britain in the exposition will organize a parliamentary committee to place the matter before the House of Commons when it meets.

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SCRAP BOOK. Centenary of Napoleon's Defiance of Legislators.

One hundred years ago to-day Napoleon opened the Corps Legislatif with an address in which he sought to secure the support of that body and to rally the energies of a fainting people from whose veins the last drop of blood had already been drained. "As a monarch and a father, I feel what peace adds to the security of thrones and of families," declared the emperor. Yet, hedged in as he was by enemies, with

the allies along the Rhine and the armies of Wellington and of Spain on the southern frontier, the Man of Destiny refused to consider the honorable terms of peace offered to him. He had crushed Europe beneath his heel before, he could do it again; so he asserted, while the deputies listened coldly to the harangue, revolving in their minds the while the projects for peace at any price. And peace at any price was necessary. New levies of troops had been ordered, but the supply had been exhausted. "There did not remain in France a single family that was not in anxiety or in mourning. There was wild alarm and unrest in Paris, and while the Corps Legislatif

was debating the mob outside cried for peace and bread—peace and bread. "It was a nation of harassed onlookers," said Guizot, "who had lost all habit of taking any share themselves in their own lot, and knew not what determination they were to desire or to dread for the terrible drama in which their liberty and national existence were at stake."

The Corps Legislatif heard their "monarch and father" without any manifestations of enthusiasm. Their first act was to demand the restoration of rights of which Napoleon had deprived them. The report of the committee on the Frankfurt proposals of peace, recommending the termination of the war on almost any basis, drove Napoleon to wild frenzy.

In dissolving the Corps Legislatif at the end of the month, the emperor did not mince words. His anger was pathetic. "I stood in need of something to console me," almost sobbed the man who, but a few years before, had posed as a demi-god, "and you have sought to dishonor me. I was expecting you to unite in mind and deed to drive out the foreigner, and you have bid him come. Had I lost two battles, it would not have done France any greater evil." In the heat of his very human wrath Napoleon descended to personal vituperations. "M. Laine, who drew up your

report, is a worthless man, and sold to England," he asserted. "M. Maynouard is a liar." "How can you blame me for my misfortunes?" he pleaded. "Is it by reproaches that you hope to restore the glory of the throne? What is a throne? Four pieces of wood covered with a piece of velvet; everything depends upon him whose seat it is." Thus Napoleon's sublime egotism asserted itself. "I have a title and you have none. You are only deputies of the departments. I am beyond reach of your declamations. In three months we shall have peace, or I shall be dead. Our enemies have never conquered us, nor will they now."

A brave prediction, but within three months peace was not achieved, nor was Napoleon dead. Instead, Paris was on the verge of surrender to the allies, and Napoleon was soon forced to accept terms that left him, not the master of an empire, not even the ruler of France, but the petty monarch of the little island of Elba.

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DISASSOCIATE FROM THREATS OF MURDER

Leaders of Labor Condemn Irresponsible Agitation; Parker Williams, M. P. Talks

The most important statements made at the meeting of protest held under the auspices of the Miners' Liberation League last evening at the Victoria theatre were the disavowal by Parker Williams, M. P., and President Sivertz, of the B. C. Federation of Labor, of the wild threats made by certain speakers at a similar meeting in Vancouver recently.

The latter said the Federation of Labor had no sympathy with such talk, while the former observed that he had no wish to hear the rant and cant of some of the speakers at the Vancouver meeting, who talked about poisoning the miners, for it would be invariably found that when work of this character was done these men would be lucky miles away with the intention of establishing an alibi.

It was significant that no representatives of the I. W. W. were on the platform, which contained five empty chairs with the names of the local M. P.'s and that of the attorney-general. The explanations for absence given by the premier and Mr. Bousquet are set out below.

George Hardy occupied the chair, the principal speaker being Parker Williams, M. P., who had a good reception, and handled the situation with his accustomed vigor. He first dealt with the recent address of Dr. Fraser.

The doctor's address, he said, appeared greatly to have disturbed the Conservative press, which set-up-into when the tone of the church was "lowered," and they had the lecturing of the Daily Province that social and industrial conditions should not be discussed in the pulpit, which was for "the worship of the divine." The present day church had something to do besides post mortem interests. (Laughter.) No doubt the Colonist in the course of a week or so would reach the same opinion, and so endorse it with its usual specious logic. Politics had gone to ruin, it was true, since Capt. Tatlow and Hon. F. G. Fulton left the government in 1909, and the administration had spent its time since in building up a machine.

It was an expensive province to administer, every dollar going through the political machine, \$45 per head for every white man, Chinaman, Jap, Indian and Hindu in the province. The machine had become so powerful that Liberals had been obliged to call themselves Conservatives in order to escape bankruptcy. In the country a man belonged to the Tory clubs in order to get a job on the roads, or to get a road into his pre-emption. These practices were a rotten streak running through the whole province, tying a collar round the electors with strings pulled by the premier and attorney-general. The miners of Vancouver Island were the only men in British Columbia who had refused to be whipped into position, and to be brought into line. Hence the prosecution of the miners and the determination to break them.

Mr. Williams examined the relations between the government and the Mackenzie and Mann interests. The same men who were making such enormous sums out of the province were behind the Canadian Collieries, Ltd., and the miners in their strike found themselves tangled up with the same interests. Sir Richard McBride's close association with the two knights appeared when the miners tried to secure his active interest as minister of mines. The premier in his administration of the portfolio, he charged, had not been true to his oath of office in administering the department, having the safety of the mines as his most important duty. The black crepe of the undertaker was often in their homes, for British Columbia shared with Colorado, West Virginia and parts of Pennsylvania the worst record for mining fatalities per thousand miners engaged of any districts in the world.

At some length Mr. Williams examined the charges made before Judge Howay, and his administration of justice. He said the judge appeared to regard August 12 as the dawn of history, and to regard the strike breakers as simple-minded workers, yet he allowed himself during the proceedings to spend two days in Ladysmith in the company of those who were bitterly opposed to the miners. At present only two classes of men were working, those who formed the regular strike breakers and those who having once been strikers had been false to their fellows and allowed their cupidity to get the better of them. The special police came in for severe handling. Two men were now in hospital with bullets in them, which the doctors could not find, while recently a special policeman at South Wellington killed a fellow special with a coffee pot. Some of them were jailbirds, he stated, and others were perjurers, "for he had seen them at it."

The whole question came down to this: What was the future of the coal mining area of Vancouver Island to be? Were the present class of men to remain, or were they to have a polyglot mongrel crew of all nationalities, whose only hope was a drunken revel on Saturday nights and to live the life of peons on the colliery reserves.

Christian Sivertz, after disavowing his association with the doctrine of bullet and bayonet preached at the Vancouver meeting, proceeded to draw a picture of the conditions of the homes in the strike area at the Christmas season, with the breadwinners in jail at the festive period. Every effort should be made to force the government at Ottawa to grant an early release of the prisoners, and already several thousand letters had been sent to the minister of justice on the subject.

John Place, M. P., dealt at some length with the numerous accidents in the mines of the province, and re-preached the department of mines with gross neglect. The greatest crime of the strike area was its parliamentary representation, which the government was determined to alter.

The following resolution was adopted: "In view of the flimsy evidence upon which many of the striking miners on Vancouver Island have been sentenced to long terms of imprisonment, we consider it a savor of deliberate persecution on the part of the British Columbia provincial government."

"Therefore he it hereby resolved that this mass meeting of citizens of Victoria, notify the minister of justice that further delay in the release of the imprisoned miners will be considered a deliberate attempt to override the expressed wishes of the citizens of the Dominion of Canada, and once more we ask for an immediate reply to our peaceful protest."

"We claim that the demands of justice have long since been fully met, and we insist that these miners should eat their Christmas dinners with their wives and children as free men." Accompanying are letters from ministers.

The premier said in part: "The reasons for every action of the local administration for which it may be held responsible in respect to the coal mines situation on Vancouver Island have already been given to the press. There is therefore no necessity for attendance on my part at the meeting referred to."

The attorney-general wrote: "As this matter is now before the courts, I do not think it proper, occupying the position that I do, in connection with the administration of justice that I should discuss it at a public meeting."

Mr. Davey had a previous engagement, the other local members did not reply.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

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Victoria, Dec. 19—5 a. m.—The pressure has increased over the North Pacific slope and the prairie provinces, and an extensive area of high pressure is moving down from the Yukon, causing in many places colder and fairer weather. East of the Rockies a cold wave is spreading through the prairie provinces, with temperatures falling below zero.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday. Victoria and vicinity—Northerly winds, generally fair and colder.

Lower mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and colder.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.16; temperature, 40; minimum, 29; wind, 4 miles N.; rain, 1/2; weather, part cloudy.

Lower mainland—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 34; minimum, 34; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.26; temperature, 32; minimum, 32; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, 30; minimum, 28; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, 19; minimum, 10; wind, 6 miles S.W.; weather, clear.

Winnipeg—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, 8; minimum, 6; wind, 16 miles N.W.; weather, clear.

Victoria Daily Weather.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Thursday:

Temperature.

Highest 45

Lowest 38

Average 41

Rain, 0.01 inch.

Bright sunshine, 30 minutes.

General state of weather, cloudy and showery.

A LONDON M. P. USES REVOLVER

SIR JOHN BETHELL
AND THE BURGLARSShot One Man Twice; Moon-
light Drama at Wanstead;
Goes Prepared

Sir John Bethell, the Liberal member for the Romford division of Essex, was the central figure in an exciting adventure with burglars at his house recently.

Two or three men obtained entrance to his residence—Park house, Wanstead—and secured some valuable booty; but the hon. member was aroused, used his revolver, and recovered his property.

The burglars escaped, one of them, it is believed, in a wounded condition. The story of the encounter was told by Sir John Bethell to a press representative.

Sir John said he spoke at a political meeting at Dagenham in his constituency, and he reached home shortly before 11 o'clock. He sat in his study reading until close upon midnight, and

then retired to his room, where he continued reading until half-past twelve.

"An hour later," continued Sir John, "I was roused by my wife, who said she heard a knocking in the dining-room. I got up and dressed, and, securing a six-chamber, found my dining-room door was secured on the inside."

"I heard two or three men engaged in clearing silver from the sideboard in the dining-room and packing up. I quietly returned upstairs to the bathroom which overlooks the lawn, and threw open the window."

"Curiously enough I heard a call from the shrubbery, apparently a pre-arranged signal of warning from an accomplice of the burglars who were in the dining-room beneath."

"Hands Up!"

Sir John explained that on either side of Park house were thick woods, whilst the golf links stretched away from the front, and went on to say:

"Well, I fired a shot in the air and watched from my bathroom window the dining-room casement window which leads on to the lawn. Three minutes elapsed, and a man emerged carrying a revolver or jemmy in his hand. I said, 'Hands up!' I should say the man was about seven or eight yards away. He did not know where the voice came from."

"He did not heed, but ran on, so I fired low, and shot him in the legs. He was hit, and wheeled around. I called on him to stop. He was still running across the lawn."

"When I fired again, and again I hit him in the legs. I could have killed him, but I had no intention of doing so. The man was injured, I am sure, but he gained the plantation and got clear away."

Altogether Sir John said he fired four

shots. One in the air, two, at the man at close range, both of which took effect, and a parting shot.

Warranted in Firing.

"Having regard to the fact that the man was armed, I think I was warranted in firing at him," said Sir John.

"It was a bright moonlight night. The fact it was almost daylight, and I could see about 300 yards across my lawn and over the golf links. The man whom I shot wore light india rubber stockings over his boots. He went very slowly at the finish. He was not carrying anything."

Lady Bethell's Part.

Lady Bethell and a governess kept a lookout from the windows while Sir John went downstairs to see what had happened to the other burglars. A constable, attracted by the shots, had arrived on the scene, and they investigated together. The other men had flown. The dining-room was in disorder, and silver articles to the value of £60 or thereabouts, which were in daily use, had disappeared. A search was made, and in a shrubbery Sir John found all the silver tied up in a large tablecloth. Only one or two small articles were missing.

"And what became of the other men?" Sir John was asked.

"Well I did not see the other men. I heard them in the shrubbery, but I could not get at them."

Use of a Jemmy.

An examination of the scene of the burglary disclosed some interesting evidence. The burglars had apparently attempted an entrance by the conservatory door, the drawing-room window and the schoolroom window. One man, wearing presumably india rubber gloves, had been raised by the others to attempt the windows. They eventu-

ally obtained an entrance by forcing the kitchen door with a jemmy.

The police are certain that the men were experienced burglars with full kit, and prepared for any emergency.

"Prepared."

"I might say," declared Sir John, smiling broadly, "that for my part I am also prepared for emergency, and am guaranteed to give any further intruder an even warmer reception."

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TO-DAY IN CANADIAN HISTORY

James McGill, the Scotch-Canadian merchant and philanthropist who gave his fortune and his name to the great Montreal University, died a century ago to-day, December 19, 1813. McGill was born in Glasgow, and on reaching manhood came to British America, engaging in the fur trade in the Hudson's Bay territory, and later becoming a successful merchant in Montreal. His interest in education and the promotion of Protestant and British influence in Lower Canada led him to bequeath "a parcel of land for a site for a university or college," and in addition about \$50,000 in cash. For a time the project was under the direction of the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning, and in 1821, after many difficulties, that institution received a royal charter for the college. At first it was designed to make McGill a Church of England institution, but this plan was abandoned, and the governors were chosen with a view to the representation of all the principal Protestant denominations in Lower Canada. Repeated modifications and extensions of the charter have been made, consequent upon McGill's progress into a really great university, with a large and notable faculty and various departments, including law and medicine as well as the arts and applied science. The donations to McGill since its foundation have amounted to millions, and its principals have included many famous men, among them Sir J. William Dawson, the geologist.

December 19 is the birthday of the Rt. Hon. Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, chief justice, in Quebec, 1853. On this date in 1854 Lord Elgin resigned the Canadian governorship. To-day is the thirty-fifth anniversary of the death of Capt. Andrew Drew, the hero of the Caroline incident of 1837.

FIRST THINGS

The first legislative body of modern times to claim the rights of free speech and free discussion was the English House of Commons, which declared in favor of such a right on this date, December 19, in the year 1621. This brave declaration marked a most important step towards the liberties of England and of all the world. Prior to that time the members of the Commons did not dare to criticize the ruling powers. It was this parliament which first formed the court and engaged in disputes with James I. Eight years after the declaration of free speech Charles I. dissolved parliament, and it did not meet again for eleven years. In 1640, however, what was called the "long parliament" was convened. It was this House of Commons that first attacked the House of Lords, and voted that the upper chamber was useless and dangerous to the liberties of the country. The bishops were also excluded from voting on temporal matters. The House of Peers was abolished in 1649, but four years later Cromwell dissolved the long parliament.

MILES AND MILES.

The passenger sternly refused to pay the amount of fare demanded by the motor-cab driver (says the Manchester Guardian), and pointed to the milestone close by which plainly stated the distance to the centre of the city. "Very sorry, sir," replied the taxi-driver, "but I can't make it any less; that milestone was put there when there were only horse-cabs."

The chairman was rather nervous, but he felt he must brace himself up to all the honors of the chair, so when it was whispered at the outset that the secretary was unable to be present, he said: "Ladies and gentlemen, I'm quite sure we all miss our esteemed secretary to-night. We do not miss his vacant chair, but all of us miss his vacant face."

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HUMAN PROCESSION

Mrs. Minnie Madder, who is universally admired as one of the most charming, talented and intellectual of American actresses, was born in New Orleans forty-eight years ago to-day. She was born in the atmosphere of the theatre, and was only two, "doin on free," when she made her stage bow, and "brought down the house" by singing a ballad entitled "Janie Coming Over the Meadow." She was christened Minnie Madder Davey. Her father, Thomas Davey, was a well-known theatrical manager in New Orleans and other southern cities. Madder was her mother's maiden name. The mother of the famous star was the daughter of Richard Madder, an English musician who toured Europe and America with a concert company composed exclusively of his numerous brood of children. Mrs. Madder later became a distinguished actress. In her childhood Mrs. Fiske was billed as Minnie Madder. At three she played the Duke of York in "Richard III.," making her debut at Little Rock. At five she appeared in New York with Laura Keane in "Hunted Down." At ten she was Prince Arthur in "King John," in a cast which included Julius Brutus Booth, Agnes Booth and John McCullough. At twelve she played Francis in "Riche-lieu." During the intervals of the theatrical season the young actress was educated in convents in Montreal, New Orleans, St. Louis and Cincinnati.

At fifteen she became a full-fledged star, and ever since she has held a large place in the affections of the theatre-going public of the United States and Canada. She was twenty-five when she married Harrison Grey Fiske, the eminent dramatic critic, and since then she has been known on the stage as Mrs. Fiske.

Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Canada's chief justice and deputy governor-general, was born in Quebec three score years ago to-day. During the absence of the Duke of Connaught the distinguished jurist acted as governor-general of the Dominion, with the same powers and honors as possessed by the duke. Sir Charles, who was knighted in 1907, was admitted to the bar in 1876, after graduating from Laval University. His first appearance in the international limelight was as chief counsel for Riel, the Manitoba half-breed who led the insurrection of 1885. The young barrister made a determined and brilliant legal fight for his client, but Riel was convicted and executed. He was still in his thirties when he refused the portfolio of attorney-general, but in 1901 he became minister of justice, and in 1906 he was elevated to the important post of chief justice.

Henry Clay Frick, the multi-millionaire steel magnate and former partner of Andrew Carnegie, was born in Overton, Pa., sixty-four years ago to-day. Like most of those who have made fortunes out of the steel industry, Mr. Frick had his own way to fight in the world. His first job was

as a clerk in a store owned by his grandfather. His first independent business venture was as a flour merchant, in which he was moderately successful. Later he became a distiller, and also embarked in a small way in the coke business. His little company grew into the world's largest coke producing business. He added vastly to his fortune by his association with Carnegie in the steel business. During the Homestead strike of 1892 he was a marked man, and was several times shot and stabbed.

A student at a medical college was under examination. The instructor asked him: "Of what cause specifically did the people die who lost their lives at the destruction of Herculaneum and Pompeii?" "I think they died of an eruption, sir," answered the student.

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MISLEADING NOTICE ISSUED TO HUNTERS

Summary of Game Laws Ignores the Prohibition of Automatic Shotguns

Another instance of the law being sometimes a "hass" came to the attention of the police magistrate this morning, although he had to find that the defendant was guilty he declined to impose any penalty.

The game act as amended last session makes it unlawful for any person to use or have in his possession "a pump or a repeating shotgun of any kind with a magazine capable of holding more than one cartridge, or an automatic shotgun of any kind."

Under the authority of this section Game Warden Richard Gidley laid an information against W. Mermod, of the Highland district, for having an automatic shotgun in his possession last Sunday. Mr. Gidley stated that they had been no attempt to deny the ownership, Mr. Mermod at once telling him that it was his—rather, that he was the one who had it, the gun

having been lent to him by another person.

The defendant claimed that he had got a copy of the game laws before he had done any hunting, and his reading of these gave him authority to carry this gun blocked, as it was, so that only one cartridge could be used. Therefore he pleaded not guilty.

C. L. Harrison, who appeared for the game warden, pointed out to the court that there appeared to be some reason for the idea under which the defendant labored as to his right to carry the weapon, but there was no doubt that the act forbade not only the use but the possession of automatic shotguns, and the game warden had taken the case in order that he might have a ruling of the court. The copy of the laws which Mr. Mermod had produced was one which was issued from the office of the king's printer and purported to be a concise summary of the laws for the convenience of hunters. In this, among the things prohibited, were "pump, repeating or automatic shotguns which are capable of holding more than one cartridge." The defendant had blocked the gun so that it would not hold more than one, and certainly thought that he was within the law.

At the same time, Mr. Harrison pointed out, the notices which were issued from the king's printer's office and posted up throughout the country, state, in the language of the act, that "automatic shotguns are absolutely prohibited," and the others only with one cartridge.

Magistrate Jay admitted the discrepancy and the quite excusable error into which the defendant had fallen, acting on a summary of the law issued from the government presses, but held that there was no doubt as to the intent of the statute. Under the circumstances he not only declined to impose a fine but said he would make no order for the confiscation of the gun.

COMPLAINT OF STATE OF DOWNTOWN STREETS

Flusher to Be Put on; Defect of Cook Street-Paving Causes Trouble

Very general comment is made on the dirty state of the streets in the downtown area at the present time.

It appears that the flusher which was purchased last year has not been used as much as was anticipated on account of lack of water earlier in the year, and now, since water has been plentiful, the money shortage has affected the funds available to the department. However, the assistant engineer stated this morning that the flusher would be put to work to-day.

Alderman Porter, chairman of the street cleaning and scavenging committee, approached on the subject, said the alteration of men due to the alternative system introduced to carry the unemployed, had resulted in the work being done less satisfactorily, although they were anxious to engage as many men as possible at this time.

The flusher seemed the only satisfactory way of securing clean streets in the business area, as the street sweepers could not get the mud off some of the asphalt pavements by hand brush work. He hoped that money could be found to improve the conditions as they undoubtedly are to-day.

Another proof of bad workmanship at some time in permanent paving work is to be found in the Fairfield district. Workmen are excavating with the intention of relaying the street railway track on Cook street near Southgate street, on account of the concrete base having apparently sunk, and thrown the rails on one side. Probably a new base will have to be provided in the concrete.

This work is close to the fracture of the Oxford street sewer, where temporary work has been in progress for some weeks. The invert of the arch is yet to be put in when the weather settles and then the excavation will be temporarily filled till the spring enables the whole work to be undertaken, and a thorough improvement carried out. An estimate of cost is being made for inclusion in the estimates.

In connection with the northwest sewer, gangs are now engaged at two places between Burnside road and Gorge road, and in Esquimalt, where shafts are being sunk, and where there is also some open cutting in operation. Two gangs are maintained in that district, one at the corner of Smith and Robert streets, and the other on Anson street. The number of men engaged will be largely augmented shortly.

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SWAPPING PROPERTY CHARGED BY POLICE

Young Man Arrested on Couple of Serious Counts Regarding Horse and Carts

A remarkable tale of substitution of the property of others for that of an accused person was partly told in the police court to-day, when Herbert Scarce was charged by the Saanich police authorities with having been found unlawfully in possession of a cart belonging to Sohan Singh, knowing it to have been stolen. A further charge was laid as to a horse belonging to the University school.

The allegation of the police is that Scarce drove his old horse and wagon out in the direction of the University school on Tuesday last, and that there he left "an old skate" and took a fine black horse which he harnessed in his wagon. Then, it is alleged, he drove to the yard of Massa Singh, on Roderick street, Saanich, and helped himself to a wagon and harness, putting the animal between the shafts of Massa's wagon. The story does not stop here, however, for Sohan Singh, who is a well-known horse dealer, was apparently not satisfied with the exchange of wagons, although he had done better than the old one, and that he next drove to the premises of Sohan Singh, on Rose street.

There he left Massa Singh's cart and took Sohan's, and until last night, it is claimed, he has been driving about in "borrowed" property. Massa Singh missed his cart and called on the police. Constable James Owens, of the Saanich force, went out with him to make a search, and naturally when the cart was found in Sohan Singh's yard there was a great do. Sohan knew it was not his cart but then his own had disappeared and he knew nothing as to how the other one had come in his yard. He was disposed to claim the property as his own until Owens, especially as the harness which Massa complained of as being stolen from him was not to be found about the premises of Sohan.

Further search revealed Sohan's cart in the possession of Scarce, and as there had been a complaint from the University School about the horse, particular attention was paid to the animal. Scarce had, it answered the description and last night was identified positively.

Sohan Singh, who is a wood merchant, was put in the box to tell his story, but the interpreter who offered his services did not appear to know much more English than Sohan, and the examination had to be put off until to-morrow. The other case was then taken up.

William McCully, a market gardener living at Mount Tolmie, had his attention attracted last Tuesday by the accused driving across the Lansdowne subdivision towards the home of a Mr. Wilkie, whose house he knew to be empty at the time. The man drove his horse alongside an animal belonging to the University school, unhitched and unharnessed his own horse, put the harness on the horse that had been standing in the field, yoked it in his cart and drove off.

The horse that was left, Mr. McCully said, was as poor as possible and not worth taking home. It was a bay with close-cropped mane and tail, and the horse taken was black.

Frank Soper, gymnastic instructor at the University school, had identified the animal found in Scarce's possession as having been taken from the field where it was. Since he last saw it the mane and tail had been cropped, and very badly done.

Constable Owens gave formal evidence as to the arrest and the search he had made.

Scarce had nothing to say at present and was committed for trial.

He asked that he be allowed to go home. He was not used to living as he had done the night before, he said. He was not used to only one room and to the company of such people as he had to mix with in the city jail.

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HALIBUT WILL RETAIN A KICK AFTER DEATH

Evidence Given by Fishermen in Valiant Case to Support Claim of the Defence

That a fish may be dead and yet alive was the proposition, astonishing to landmen, that was laid down in the admiralty court this morning and sworn to by fishermen who have caught halibut on the banks around Vancouver Island.

It was as a part of the defence in the Valiant case that the claim was made, it being the contention of Captain Courage that the fish found on ice and cleaned aboard his vessel by the fisheries protection officers had been caught some hours earlier, even if some of them jumped about the deck in lively fashion.

In addition to this phase of the case A. H. Macneil, K. C., will make an argument on the treaty which promises to make the case a notable one, as it will very probably go to appeal no matter how it turns out. There are several points which he intends to raise in regard to the treaty rights of the fishermen from the other side of the line.

Captain Courage was put in the box for the defence when the court resumed yesterday afternoon, and told his story of the happenings of May 10 and 11 last. According to him, he had just come on from Seattle and was looking about for a good fishing bank. The previous afternoon he had been fishing and had taken the fish which were found by Captain Newcombe in the hold. They had not had time to clean these, as was usually done, he said, because the engine broke down and they had to turn in and attend to it. These fish were caught, he swore, outside the three-mile limit, and at no time did he take any inside the line.

Early on the morning of the eleventh, he claimed, he and three of the crew were engaged with the engine, having to take out a cylinder-head, which was very tedious owing to the lack of space in the engine-room. During that time there was no one on the deck except perhaps the cook, and he, of course, did not know where he was. When the engine was started again he found the schooner had drifted inside the line and he at once headed out. While heading out he sighted the Joffile, which he thought was looking for fish, and he paid no attention to her until she got so close that he feared a collision.

W. B. A. Ritchie, K. C., for the crown, cross-examined the captain as to his position on the day of the seizure, and his markings on the chart. This showed him to have been outside the limit, but the crown endeavored to show that the marks were not bona fide. It came out in the examination by Mr. Ritchie that although he had had this particular cart for a couple of years, and had several other charts, the marks in question were about the only ones appearing on any of them. Captain Courage said he had placed these cross-examinations on there to mark the spot as a good fishing ground, but he could not point to any other case where he had placed such marks on any of his charts for that purpose. Neither could he deny that in this case he had placed the marks there, as he said, before he had experience that it was a good fishing ground.

Capt. Courage admitted that it was the practice in good weather—and May 10 was a good day—to clean the fish before they were put in the ice, but insisted that on this occasion it was the breakdown of the engine that prevented this being done. He stuck to it that the fish found on board had been caught during the previous afternoon and evening, and that there was nothing unusual in their being alive 18 or 20 hours later.

Mark Courage, a first cousin of the master and owner of the Valiant, who has been sailing with him on the schooner, declared that he had seen fish six or sixteen hours after they had been taken. The fish which were on board the schooner when she was seized had been caught the evening before, he swore, so that he did not think it was anything wonderful for them to be still showing life when Captain Newcombe came on board.

W. B. A. Ritchie, K. C., suggested that this would be something like the reflex action of the muscles in an animal after death.

"I never saw anything like that in an animal only in the moving pictures," the witness replied.

Peter Sunde, cook and boat hand on the schooner, said he had seen halibut still alive after lying on the deck waiting to be cleaned for eleven or twelve hours.

Joseph Evers, Victoria, was introduced as an expert fisherman and an authority on the habits of halibut after death and immediately, before he has finished on the Joffile, the Leabel, Mary and the two Alliances. He gave his evidence clearly and modestly, in the straightforward manner of men of the sea. He had seen halibut which had been out of the water for as much as fourteen or sixteen hours, lying on the deck waiting to be dressed, which had "kicked" out of the hand when caught by the gills or jaws. Halibut caught in schools and in from 25 to 30 fathoms, would last longer than those taken in deep water, from 125 to 150 fathoms. As to the living of fish undressed on ice he was unable to speak.

To Mr. Ritchie he went somewhat further, being asked specifically about the action of dressed fish packed in ice. He said he had seen cases where halibut after being cleaned and put down in the hold in ice would kick so vigorously that the ice stuffed in their inside would be knocked out. Before being dressed fish which had lain on the deck for the time he had mentioned, would not only squirm but kick out of the hand. They would retain life longer in cold weather than in warm.

Argument of counsel is being heard this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Richardson, of Vancouver, after a several month tour of the prairie provinces, are spending the holidays in Victoria, where they are registered at the Empress hotel.

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LOCAL NEWS

Building Permit.—A building permit has been issued for alterations to the premises of Nip No and Yee Peck in an alley between Cormorant and Flanagan streets, Chinatown.

Hunt Club Meets.—The Victoria hunt club will meet to-morrow at the Cedar Hill cross-roads at 2.30 p. m. sharp. There will also be a meet of the hunt club on Christmas day at Capt. R. P. Clarke's residence at 10.30 a. m.

First Presbyterian Church.—The Boys club are entertaining all the Sunday school children under 14 years, and their parents to-night at 7.30 p. m. All the children are cordially invited and a good time is assured.

Building Permits.—Building permits have been issued to H. P. John for a garage at 948 Queen's avenue; George Anstey for a house at 1557 Oakland avenue, costing \$1,500; and to S. Sherk for a house at 406 Sherk street, costing \$2,600.

Col. Hughes Not Coming.—Major Garnet Hughes has received word from his father, Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes, minister of militia, that that gentleman's duties at Ottawa will not permit of his carrying out his original intention of spending the Christmas holidays in Victoria.

New Voters List.—As a result of the conclusion of the court of revision yesterday, it is possible now to form an estimate of the number of names on the roll for 1914. There will be some 8,800, as about 100 names only have been actually removed. This is an increase of 1,000 on the list of 1913.

Free Samples of Candies and Chocolates will be given away at Wiper & Co.'s store, 1210 Douglas Friday and Saturday next, from 7 to 9 p. m., when medals and diplomas awarded for confectionery are to be displayed.

Arrival of Equipment.—The new equipment for the city lighting station, Telegraph street, has arrived and will be placed in position before the end of the month. It consists of a 50 amp light set, and a spare transformer, the necessity of the latter being in case of a breakdown in the present equipment.

Rowland's Band Concert.—The concert to be given by Rowland's band at the Victoria theatre on Sunday evening will commence as usual at 8.15. A portion of the receipts will be taken up for the Christmas poor fund. Miss Tidyler, reader, and Paul Edmund, baritone, will assist; also the first appearance of the Sancta Cecilia mandolin club will be made.

Ask Bowser for Appointment.—The legislative committee's special report on the municipal bill was referred back to the committee by the board of trade council. It consists of a power to act. The secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the report as adopted by the board to the attorney-general and ask him for an appointment for the committee.

One Cent One Way.—Postmaster Noah Shakespeare informed the council of the board of trade at this morning's meeting that he had taken up with the postmaster-general the board's request that the privilege of one-cent letter postage be extended to Oak Bay. At present letters can be sent from Victoria to Oak Bay for one cent, but not from Oak Bay to Victoria.

Ladies' Swimming Club.—The executive of the Ladies' swimming club announce that Mr. Leao has consented very kindly to attend the Y. M. C. A. swimming tank on Monday morning, December 22, at 11 o'clock, in order to give a lecture and practical demonstration of swimming, diving, etc. Members are invited to avail themselves of the opportunity of witnessing the demonstrations.

Donations for Children.—The collection for the Christmas dinner fund is progressing very favorably and it is anticipated that not a child in the city will spend the day unhappily. Those who wish to contribute to the Christmas dinner fund may obtain envelopes from R. S. Day, 620 Fort street; W. B. Fisher, city hall; J. T. Deaville, 718 Fort street, and The Times and Colonist offices.

Firemen's Ball.—The date of the annual firemen's ball has been set for February 11. This engagement rivals the police ball as one of the most popular social events of the winter season, and the experience of the past will result in a material advance in the arrangements which are to be made at this function. A committee is already at work upon the plans. Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Paterson and other distinguished people will again patronize the ball.

Social Gathering at Cedar Hill.—The only meeting last evening indirectly in connection with the municipal campaign in Saanich was a social gathering of Ward 1 ratepayers association arranged by the ladies, at Cedar Hill. No attempt, however, was made to discuss municipal politics. A meeting of the central executive will be held to-morrow night. It is not expected there will be any meetings next week on account of the advent of Christmas.

Christmas Dance.—A Christmas tree and dance were the features of last Wednesday night's social gathering at the New Throat temple, corner Pandora and Blanchard streets. A pleasing programme was rendered, including songs, recitations and selections by a 12-piece band. The hall was beautifully decorated with holly, evergreens and Christmas bells. About 100 people joined in the dancing. J. J. Boyd conducted the floor and the music was furnished by Mrs. Boyd.

Hospital Meetings.—It is not expected that much further progress will be made in connection with the plans for

the new hospital at the monthly session of the directors of the Royal Jubilee hospital this evening, as the specifications upon which tenders are to be called are still in preparation, and probably the board will be in a position to call for bids in January. The board has laid a statement of its deficit before the city council, this adverse balance growing out of account of the numerous cases arising from impoverishment due to the financial situation, making more indigent cases, and rendering persons more susceptible to disease.

MAN WHO WORKED LOVE FRAUD IS IN HOSPITAL

Los Angeles, Dec. 19.—F. E. Young, a churchman and business man of Long Beach, is in the county hospital to-day, prostrated by the stress of legal complication which he ended yesterday by entering a plea of guilty to charges that he had victimized several elderly women in a "love fraud" scheme.

According to the allegations, Young would pay ardent attention to elderly widows, and then, under the name of the Sunset detective agency, threaten them with exposure unless they paid various sums as hush money.

After entering his plea of guilty, Young asked for probation. If he is able to leave the hospital he will appear in the superior court December 23 to hear the decision on his plea for parole.

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Gilbey's Castle Grand White Jamaica Rum.....\$1.25
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 O. B. Jamaica, \$1.00; Imp. Qts., \$1.25; Imp. Pts.75c
 O. B. 22 Over Proof Rum.....\$1.25
 Three Goss Scotch Whiskey, guaranteed ten years old.....\$1.00
 Strathmill "Blue Band".....\$1.00
 Watson's "Blue Band".....\$1.00
 O. B. Glenlivet, per bottle, \$1.00; Imp. Qts., \$1.25; Imp. Pts.65c
 Blue Funnel.....\$1.25
 Black and White.....\$1.25
 Clan McKenzie.....\$1.25
 Spey Royal.....\$1.50 and 75c

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 Brass Fenders
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See Our Windows and Show-cases for Further Suggestions. Step inside for Full Assistance and Selection.

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The goods are on view and will be sold out of hand every day till day of sale.

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Together with all the Fixtures, comprising a Dummy Figure; Counter, with four cupboards; Four Tables, with drawers; three Silent Salesmen; Cheval Mirror, in maple frame; Domestic Sewing Machine, very nice

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Tenders will be received, addressed to the City Engineer, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., up to noon on MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1913, for the supply of about ten thousand five hundred feet (10,500 ft.) of Reinforced Concrete Pipe, ranging in size from twenty-seven to thirty-six inches.

Plans and specifications may be seen, and envelopes of tender obtained at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall.

Envelopes containing tenders must be plainly marked on the outside "Tenders for Reinforced Concrete Pipe," and be accompanied by a marked cheque payable to the order of the City Treasurer for the sum of five per cent. of the amount of the tender.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

C. H. RUST,

City Engineer.

Victoria, B. C., December 19, 1913.

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Copper Kettles on Stand.....\$3.25

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PROVINCIAL GAZETTE

IS LOSING IN BULK

Weekly Issue of Official Publication is Falling Off From Great Size of a Year Ago

For some time past the number of notices of applications to purchase land appearing in the B. C. Gazette has been falling off. At one time there used to be dozens of these in every issue, and they swelled the size of the weekly official publication to somewhere between four and five hundred pages. This week there are but five notices of this sort.

The appointments to the provincial

services which are gazetted are:

Noel Birling, Austin Arnold, Wal-

tinger, who has been deputy assessor

and collector at Cranbrook, succeeds

Alfred Clement Nelson, now super-

annuated, in the various offices held

by him in the Kootenay. These are

government agent at Cranbrook, gold

commissioner for the Fort Steele dis-

trict, deputy clerk of the peace for

East Kootenay, commissioner of lands

for Cranbrook recording division,

water recorder for Cranbrook water

district, recording officer for Cranbrook

cattle district, registrar of voters for

the electoral district, registrar under

the marriage act for the south divi-

sion of East Kootenay, and district

registrar of births, deaths and mar-

riages.

Charles Eric Mousley, Pachena, is

appointed as a justice of the peace,

and George Henry Dorrell, Vancouver,

a notary public and commissioner.

John Forsyth, Victoria, is to be first

assistant catalogue in the legislative

library; Marguerite Darling Burnett,

Victoria, to be second assistant cat-

alogue; George Francis Simson, to be

a surveyor in the land registry office

at Kamloops; Arthur Ernest Pickford,

to the same position in the office at

Nelson; Christina Margaret Macpherson,

to be stenographer in the land

registry office at Vancouver; C. Mc-

Guire, to be clerk, and S. Belle Wight-

man, to be a stenographer in the

office of the assessor and collector at

Vancouver.

The new companies, granting of

charters to which is announced, are:

A. B. C. Dye Works, Limited (Kam-

Bottling Company, Limited (North

Vancouver).

Insurance companies which have

been licensed to transact business in

the province are: Fidelity and Casual-

ty Company of New York; Guarantee

Company of North America, General

Accident Assurance Company of Can-

ada, Confederation Life Association,

Canadian Casualty and Boiler Insur-

ance Company, Employers' Liability

Assurance Corporation, Limited,

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company,

Mutual Life Assurance Company of Can-

ada, Mutual Life Insurance Company

of New York, New York Plate Glass

Insurance Company, Ridgely Protec-

tive Association, Standard Life In-

surance Company, Pacific States Fire

Insurance Company, Travellers' Life

Assurance Company of Canada.

The Capital Furniture Company of

this city has decided to change its

business name to Speer-Walton Furni-

ture Company, Limited, and notice is

given that application will be made

to the registrar of joint stock com-

panies on January 24 for leave to make

the change.

The Pacific Great Eastern Develop-

ment Co., Ltd., is making application

for water licenses on unnamed creeks

running into Squamish river and an

unnamed creek in New Westminster

district, A. M. Davis, "Victoria," is

asking for approval of works to be

constructed for the utilization of water

from Summit and Eight Mile creeks,

for hydraulic mining purposes.

Organization of a women's institute

at West Summerland has been author-

ized.

B. C. SECTION DREW

INTERESTED VISITORS

G. Chalmers Johnston Has Re-

turned from United States

Land Show, Chicago

The assistant exhibition commis-

sioner for the province, G. Chalmers John-

son, returned yesterday from Chicago,

where he attended the United States

land show, where, in conjunction with

the Canadian Pacific railway, British

Columbia gave a display of her pro-

ducts which was one of the most at-

tractive features of the whole exhibi-

tion.

The Canadian section of the show

was particularly interesting, according

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Great Interest in Finchs' Xmas Sale Has Been Aroused

Each day greater interest manifests itself by larger attendances, which proves that this special Christmas event has become popular. Early shopping will be esteemed, and will, we think, be to the advantage of the shopper, thereby avoiding the rush of the afternoons.

The Blouse Sale Continues Saturday

\$8.50 and \$10.00 Waists for \$4.90—A whole section is devoted to the display of these beautiful Waists. Nets in ecrú and ivory. Lace Blouses in cream and black. Crepe de Chine in all leading colors; also a charming range in colored and black soft silks.

\$4.50 to \$5.50 Waists for \$3.50—In pure messaline silk, in a wide range of colorings and trimming effects. A line worth looking over.

\$10.00 to \$15.00 Values in Sample Waists for \$5.00 and \$7.00—Advantageously secured, we are giving the benefit of an extremely low cut, each one a model beautifully designed in silks, crepes, lace and net. All new styles.

150 Lovely Model Blouses at Less Than Cost Price—It is impossible to describe these lovely creations, each one a sample secured less the duty, with the further advantage of a liberal discount to accept the whole consignment.

Evening Waists of Every Description—In nylon, lace, net and satin; also a splendid selection of Lingerie Blouses in white, hand-embroidered line, with trimmings and insertions of Irish crochet.

Interesting Prices in the Gown Section

Every Evening Gown in the Store Reduced 25 Per Cent.—The most exclusive assortment of pretty Evening Frocks and sumptuous model Gowns that is possible to find anywhere, all bearing the reduction of 25 Per Cent.

Evening Cloaks and Theatre Wraps Less 25 Per Cent.—These should be viewed to appreciate the unusual offering on these perfectly new imported models. Lovely brocades, trimmed with choice furs. Plain and brocaded cloths in the loveliest colorings.

50 Ladies' Coats, \$25.00 Values for \$15.00—Cleverly built Coats in plain and heather tweeds, blanket cloths, Harris and Donegal tweeds; also heavy diagonals, close fitting; also shawl collars, some made belt effect, at a saving of \$10.00.

Every Hat Exactly Half-Price—Untrimmed shapes, also trimmed hats, including patterns, at Half-Price.

New Delivery of Tea Gowns, \$35.00 to \$5.00—Parisian Gowns in cashmere, silk cologne and poplins.

Ladies' \$50.00 and \$70.00 Suits for \$25.00
 \$45.00 Ladies' Navy Man-Tailored Suits for.....\$17.50

Three Special Lines of Handkerchiefs, specially priced at 15c, 25c, and 35c. In linen and cambric, embroidered; also with hemstitched borders; also initialed.

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